

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. The School District of Colby establishes 24 credits for graduation from Colby High School. To be eligible for graduation, a student must meet the following requirements for credit and any other existing local requirements:

CREDITS

English/Language Arts: English 9,10,11, and one of the following courses: Great Novels, English Literature, Contemporary Literature, Short Stories Credits 4.0 Credits

Mathematics:..... 3.0 Credits

Science: 3.0 Credits

Social Studies: Citizenship, World History, US History, and one of the following courses: Psychology, Street Law, Current Affairs, Economics..... 3.0 Credits

Physical Education:..... 1.5 Credits

Health Education (Grade 10 Requirement):..... 0.5 Credits

Personal Finance: 0.5 Credits*

* Credit may be earned through interdisciplinary coursework

Additional Electives: 8.5 Credits

Total Credits Needed for Graduation: 24.0 Credits

3. The 24 credits required for graduation may be attained through enrollment in an alternative high school program.
4. A student may qualify for an equivalency diploma issued by the State of Wisconsin High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED) in accordance with Statute 118.33 (1) (d). In this case the Board will also provide the qualifying student a Colby High School Equivalency Diploma and will count the student as a graduate on all state/national reports.
5. Community Service / Service Learning Hours – Students earning service learning and community service as approved by high school administration will have “distinguished service” recognition on the diplomas and noted on their transcripts. All hours will be transcribed, yet a minimum of 80 hours are required for this designation.
6. Participation in commencement exercises (graduation ceremony) is a privilege granted to seniors in good standing at Colby HS. The high school handbook will define “seniors in good standing” for the purposes of this policy.
7. Graduation requirements shall be modified by the high school principal upon recommendations of the individual education program (IEP) team for students with exceptional educational needs, student assistance team (SAT) and/or virtual education review team for regular education students. Youth options courses cannot be substituted for required core graduation credits. Virtual education credits must be approved by the high school principal. Subject to evaluation by the high school principal, transfer credits from other high schools, vocational-technical colleges and accredited correspondence schools may be applied to meeting requirements. The high school principal is authorized to grant up to three credits in appropriate subject areas for experience gained as a foreign exchange student. At the discretion of the high school principal, specific course requirements may be waived or modified, but the total credit requirements shall be met.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Wisconsin Stats. 118.33; 115.29; Wisconsin Administrative Code PI 18

CROSS REFERENCE: Policy #342.4 – At Risk Policy