

High School Graduation Requirements

To graduate from a Jordan School District high school, a student must:

- Earn the minimum number of credits designated by the high school a student attends. In Jordan School District, credit requirements range from 24 to 27 credits, depending upon the scheduling system of each high school.
- Meet attendance requirements as designated by the high school.
- Demonstrate minimum competency by passing reading, writing, and mathematics competency tests.

Course and Credit Requirements

Credit is awarded on the basis of a student's participation, mastery of subject matter, and/or attainment of skills. Credit is granted for courses taken in the 9-12 grades. The Utah State office of Education Administrative Rule 277-700 specifies "the minimum core curriculum." In addition, the Jordan School District Board of Education requires all students to complete the following courses and credits for high school graduation.

English/Language Arts 4.0

Social Studies 3.5

- 1.0 Geography for Life
- 1.0 World Civilizations
- 1.0 U.S. History
- 0.5 U.S. Government & Citizenship (12th grade)

Math 2.0

Minimum

- 1.0 Elementary Algebra/Elementary Algebra (Applied) or Applied Math I
- 1.0 Geometry/Geometry (Applied) or Applied Math II

Science 2.0*

- Credit from 2 of 4 core science areas: earth, biological, chemistry, physics
- * For 2011 graduating class, 3.0 credits are required

Healthy Life Styles 2.0

- 0.5 Health Education
- 0.5 Participation Skills and Techniques
- 0.5 Lifetime Fitness
- 0.5 Elective P.E./ 2 seasons of a team sport

Arts 1.5

Applied Technology/Vocational 1.0

Information Technology/Computers 0.5

- Computer Technology class or State-approved exam

Financial Literacy 0.5

- *This requirement applies to the 2008 graduating class
- Electives (8-Period) 7.5 to 10.5

CREDIT TOTAL: 24 to 27

If you fail a subject in high school (9-12 grades), you will need to do one of the following to make up the credit in order to graduate:

Electronic High School

This is free, however, the course work required is said to be more difficult than the other options. The website is: www.ehs.uen.org.

BYU Independent Study

These are online course. The fee is \$115 for .5 credits. The website is: www.ce.byu.edu/is/site/.

Make-up Packets

Packets can be obtained from the high school in which you plan to graduate. They generally cost around \$39 for .25 credits, and contain the same amount of work that the student would have done in class. The packet is completed at home and then turned into the high school where it is graded and the student is awarded credit.

Summer School

Classes are run through Valley High with registration being held at the high school where the classes will be held. For detailed information you can contact Valley High at 572-7035. There is a \$40 fee to register and a \$20 fee per class.

College/University Requirements

For those students planning on attending college/university, an extra credit is required for science and math. Some universities require 2-3 consecutive years of a foreign language. College/university requirements may vary or change, so please contact your preferred colleges/universities for a current list.