High School Graduation Policy

De Soto Area School District

Steps to Earning the De Soto School District Diploma

Students must have enrolled in a board-approved activity for four class periods of each day or enrolled in an approved alternative education program to be considered full-time.

AND (one of the following)

A) By achieving a grade point average of 2.00 on a 4.00 point scale (Student's Academic Performance).

OR

B) By scoring at the proficient level on three (or above) and the basic level on three (or above) on the 6 subtests that comprise the tenth (10th) grade STATE REQUIRED TESTS.

OR

C) Securing a recommendation from the graduation committee (5 teachers of the student, the guidance counselor and the principal). A recommendation is reached by majority ballot.

Credits required are listed under the section "Graduation Credit Requirements".

Students must be enrolled in a board-approved activity for each class period of each day or enrolled in an approved alternative education program.

The District Administrator shall be responsible for the general supervision and management of the graduation policy. The District Administrator, or if assigned the responsibility by the District Administrator, the High School Principal or the Guidance director shall determine if a student has satisfied the criteria in this policy.

Graduation Credit Requirements

Classes earn ½ credit in one semester. Classroom Aide positions and guided study assignments would earn 1/4 credit per semester. Full time aide positions, involving the full spectrum of job responsibilities, may be awarded ½ credit, i.e., library aide, office aide, guidance aide, technology aide. A clearly defined set of job expectations and job responsibilities, and a clear method of evaluation, is expected in order for a student to earn ½ credit. Otherwise, such a position is 1/4 credit.

It is to be noted that meeting the minimum graduation requirements listed below will not fulfill the present requirements for admission to the University of Wisconsin system. Nor, will these minimums fulfill the program requirements for various Wisconsin Technical College programs, such as Nursing. See related information on specific post graduation programs in the Guidance Office.

1. ENGLISH---4 CREDITS

English 9, 10, 11, 12

2. MATH---3 CREDITS

3. SCIENCE---3 CREDITS

Physical Science, Biology, Science elective

4. SOCIAL STUDIES---3 CREDITS

World Cultures, US History, Government, Economics

5. PHYSICAL EDUCATION---1.5 CREDITS Phy Ed 9, 10, plus one more semester during 11 & 12th grade

6. HEALTH---0.5 CREDITS

Health 9

7. VOCATIONAL---1.5 CREDITS

-- Offerings in the departments of Agriculture, Business, Tech Ed, and Family and Consumer Education. Some Co-Op and Independent Study opportunities with prior approval from Alliance Committee.

8. INFORMATIONAL SCIENCES---1.0 CREDIT

- -- Courses that require extensive use of computer skills. Such courses as Animation and Computer Graphics, Architectural Design, Web Site Development, Computer Applications, Online computer courses, some Youth Options, and some Independent Study opportunities with prior approval from Alliance Committee can also help with this requirement.
- 9. Fine Arts/Foreign Language---1.0 CREDIT
 - -- This requirement may be satisfied with Art, Foreign Language and Music classes.

10. FREE ELECTIVES-9.5 CREDITS

11. 20 hours of volunteer community service documented and recorded on the transcripts as completed

TOTAL

28 total credits + 20 hours volunteer community service needed for class of 2013