

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The State Education Department has determined that the following graduation requirements will now be in effect. Please note that the year the student entered grade nine are the standards which he/she must adhere to.

NOTE: There are individual requirements for Special Education students. Please contact the guidance office if this applies to your child.

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Class of 2023 (Entering Freshmen 9/2019)*, 2024 (Entering Freshmen 9/2020)*, 2025 (Entering Freshmen 9/2021)* and Class of 2026 (Entering Freshmen 9/2022)*

UNITS OF CREDIT REQUIREMENT – Regent’s Diploma

English	4.0 units
Math	3.0 units
Social Studies-	
Global Studies	2.0 units
U.S. History/Government	1.0 unit
Economics	0.5 unit
Government	0.5 unit
Science	3.0 units
Fine Arts (Music or Art)	1.0 unit
Health	0.5 unit
Physical Education	2.0 units
Language other than English-	
North Collins Central requirement	3.0 units
Electives	<u>3.0 units</u>
Minimum Total Credits	23.5 units

SEQUENCE REQUIREMENT (see Sequence Options Specifics attached)

- Option A (Two 3 unit sequence)
- Option B (5 unit sequence)
- Option C (5 unit and 3 unit sequence)

EXAM REQUIREMENT – Regent’s Diploma

English Language Arts Regents (Common Core)	-Grade of 65 or better
Algebra I (Common Core)	-Grade of 65 or better
Global Studies Regents	-Grade of 65 or better
U.S. History/Government Regents	-Grade of 65 or better
One Science Regents	-Grade of 65 or better

All students are considered for advancement into the honors program. Many factors are examined when making this decision including, but not limited to, teacher recommendation and grades.

EXAM REQUIREMENT – Advanced Regent’s Diploma

English Language Arts Regents (Common Core)	-Grade of 65 or better
Algebra I (Common Core)	-Grade of 65 or better
Geometry Common Core)	-Grade of 65 or better
Algebra II (Common Core)	-Grade of 65 or better
Global Studies Regents	-Grade of 65 or better
U.S. History/Government Regents	-Grade of 65 or better
Two Science Regents	-Grade of 65 or better

*Graduation class is determined when student enters 9th grade, not when they graduate.

SEQUENCE REQUIREMENT OPTION

One three (3) unit sequence in each of the following areas:

- Math
- Science
- Second Language

**CLASSIFICATION OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR
PLACEMENT IN APPROPRIATE COURSES**

- Freshman - Student must have passed two of the four academic core courses in 8th grade.
- Sophomore - Student must:
 - 1) Have passed either English 9 or Global Studies I
and
 - 2) Have a total of 4.5 credits or passed 3 courses in Summer School.
- Junior - Student must:
 - 1) Have passed either English 10 or Global Studies II
and
 - 2) Have a total of 9.5 credits or passed 3 courses in Summer School.
- Senior - Student must be enrolled in enough courses to graduate by June of that year.

Final determination is made by the Superintendent.

DROPPING OR CHANGING COURSES

A student may drop a 40-week/full year course **only up to the 2-week mark of the first quarter of the school year** with no penalty on his/her transcript. Should a student want to drop after the 2 week mark, he/she must first appeal to the high school principal/superintendent, and if necessary the school board. Should a drop be granted by the high school principal/superintendent or the school board, a DR (Drop Pass) or a DF (Drop Fail) will be added to the student's transcript.

A student may drop a 20-week/half year course **only up to the 1-week mark of the first quarter or third quarter of the school year** with no penalty on his/her transcript. Should a student want to drop after the 1-week mark has passed, he/she must first appeal to the high school principal/superintendent, and if necessary to the school board. Should a drop be granted by the high school principal/superintendent or the school board, a DP (Drop Pass) or a DF (Drop Fail) will be added to the student's transcript.

Adding a DP or DF will hold the students accountable for their actions and such marks will be visible on their transcripts for prospective employers and colleges to review.

Should a drop be granted, the guidance counselors and high school administration, in cooperation with the parents and student, will make every effort to fill the time slot with another course, not simply another study hall (should scheduling, course availability, and class size permit). Students need to carry a certain number of credits per year toward graduation and every effort must be made to ensure that the students are carrying the minimum number of credits required.

In light of the Standards, we believe these changes are necessary in order to ensure the success of our students, and we feel that this is a fair procedure/policy.

NUMBER OF SUBJECTS FOR STUDENTS

1. Normal load for most students in grades 9-12 should be 5 (foreign language, English, social studies, math and science) subjects per semester. In addition to these 5 subjects, each student must be enrolled in physical education. Band or chorus may be scheduled in addition to the 5 subjects and physical education.
2. No student should be permitted to carry less than 5 subjects (excluding physical education) in any one semester unless the approval of the high school principal has been obtained.
3. An independent study project, when requested, may be in addition to any number of subjects previously approved.
4. It is the principal's prerogative to waive any of the preceding regulations when, in his judgment, it is feasible to do so.

In instances where regents examinations are given, regents credit will only be obtained by passing the regents examination as well as having a passing final school grade.