

**BRILLION PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SERIES 300: INSTRUCTION**

**FILE: 345.6**

**Graduation Requirements**

The Board awards diplomas to recognize those students who have met certain academic requirements of the District. In order to graduate from high school and to receive a diploma, a student in the District must meet the requirements set in this policy. The policy requirements are grounded in the District’s curriculum and state law requirements applicable to granting a diploma.

Students are required to completed a minimum 25 course credits for graduation including those courses outlined in Policy rule 345.6:

The required courses shall include the following:\*\*

4	Credits	English These credits include: 1 credit English 9 1 credit English 10 or Pre AP English 10 1 credit English 11 or AP English 1 credit English 12 or AP English
3 ½	Credits	Social Studies These credits include: Global Studies 20 <sup>th</sup> Century American History or AP US History (11) American Government or AP US Government (10)
3	Credits	Math to include Algebra
3	Credits	Science (including Biology)
1 ½	Credits	Phy. Ed. (including ½ credit in grade 9)
½	Credit	Health
½	Credit	Personal Finance *Beginning with Class of 2023
15.5 (*16-2023)	Credits	Required Courses
9.5 (*9-2023)	Credits	Elective Courses
25	Credits	Required for Graduation

Students shall be enrolled in a Board approved activity or alternative education program for each class period of each school day during the high school grades (Start College Now, Early College Credit Program, part-time open enrollment, virtual school).

### **Courses and credits:**

1. Students in grades 9-10 shall take the equivalent of 5 high school courses (2.5 credits) in each trimester. Students in grades 11-12 shall take a minimum of 4 courses in each trimester.
2. A senior may be granted work release for one hour of the school day. Work release does not grant credit. This release must be granted by the high school principal in accordance with set policies and procedures. A senior granted one hour of work release must be enrolled in a minimum of 4 classes during the trimester of the work release.
3. Brillion Public Schools will accept transfer credits earned in subject areas as defined by the previous secondary school as equating to our course requirements for graduation. (For example: a course called sophomore English at another school will be equated with Brillion High School's English 10.)
4. Out-of-state students must meet the State of Wisconsin's minimum standards if they are to earn a Brillion High School diploma.
5. Any transfer student who is not a full-time student at Brillion High School for their entire senior year will have his/her credits reviewed by the Brillion high-school principal to determine whether he/she should earn a Brillion High School diploma or seek a diploma from the previous school.

### **Civics Test Requirements**

Beginning in the 2016-17 school year, in order to be eligible for a District high school diploma, a student must have taken and successfully completed the state-required civics test while enrolled in the high school grades in the District or, as determined by the administration, in another qualifying school or program. For students with disabilities who have an individualized education program (IEP), this requirement shall be modified or waived to the extent provided by the student's IEP and/or by applicable law.

### **Waivers:**

Section 2-D waivers allows the principal to waive requirements in exceptional cases to suit the traits or needs of a student. The final decision to modify requirements rests with the high-school principal. Below are examples of ways in which requirements may be modified.

The ability to waive requirements must be allowed for students enrolled in a Special Education Program. Students Individual Educational Programs (IEP's) can and do change within a given year based upon the student's needs. However, student IEP's that change the minimum graduation requirements, as defined in State Statute, must be reported to the principal as these change occur, by the Director of Special Education or his/her designee. Special Education students must complete 25.0 credits as defined by the student's individual educational plan or meet all the goals set forth to fulfill the graduation requirements as stated in the IEP.

The principal also has the discretion to waive graduation requirements or make decisions regarding the granting of credit in exceptional situations that do not involve special education. These situations may include but are not limited to PACE, GEDO II and the Wisconsin Challenge Academy.

## **Graduation**

Students must meet all graduation requirements in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.

All seniors choosing to attend the graduation ceremony shall wear caps and gowns.

Students who meet the requirements for graduation as ordered in Brillion Public Schools Policy 345.6 shall receive their diploma at graduation as a symbol of their accomplishments.

Students who have outstanding financial and/or disciplinary obligations shall not be allowed to participate in the commencement exercise.

Any student not wishing to participate in the graduation ceremony may receive their diploma by mail or pick it up personally after the graduation ceremony has been held.

### Wisconsin Statutes

38.12(14)	[attendance at technical college]
<a href="#">Section 115.28(7)(e)1</a>	[alternative education program definition]
<a href="#">Section 115.915</a>	[accommodations for school-age parents]
<a href="#">Section 118.13</a>	[student nondiscrimination]
<a href="#">Section 118.15</a>	[compulsory attendance; programs for at-risk students and program/curricular modifications]
<a href="#">Section 118.35</a>	[gifted and talented students]
<a href="#">Section 118.52</a>	[part-time open enrollment]
<a href="#">Section 118.55</a>	[early college credit]
<a href="#">Section 118.153</a>	[children at risk of not graduating from high school]
<a href="#">Section 118.33(1)</a>	[high school graduation standards, including requirements and local options]
<a href="#">Section 118.33(1)(f)1</a>	[required periodic review and revision of graduation requirement policy]
<a href="#">Section 118.33(1m)(a)</a>	[high school graduation; civics test requirement]
<a href="#">Section 120.12(17)</a>	[school board duty; payment of tuition for University of Wisconsin system courses taken by students for high school credit under certain conditions]
<a href="#">Section 120.13(37)</a>	[awarding high school diplomas to veterans]
<a href="#">Section 121.02(1)(p)</a>	[school district standards; graduation standards]
<a href="#">Chapter 115, Subchapter V</a>	[children with disabilities]

### Wisconsin Administrative Code

<a href="#">PI 18</a>	[high school graduation standards]
<a href="#">PI 25</a>	[children at risk plans and programs]
<a href="#">PI 40</a>	[youth options program; includes requirements for awarding high school credit for courses taken under the program]

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