

HS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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The Warwick School District requires a minimum of 22.0 credits for graduation. The 22.0 credits to be earned must include the following:

Liberal Arts/Humanities*	2.0 credits
English	4.0 credits
Mathematics	3.0 credits
Social Studies	3.0 credits
Science	3.0 credits
Physical Education	1.75 credits
Health	.5 credits
Driver Education	.25 credits
Electives	4.5 credits
TOTAL	22.0 credits

NOTE: Successful completion of a Graduation Project is a requirement for Graduation.

* May be elected from any department

The following courses are required for graduation for all students:

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
English 9	English 10	English 11/or English	English 12/or English for
US History II	US History III (.5)	for College and Career	for College and Career
Earth Science	Biology	Phys. Ed. (.5)	American Government (.5)
Math	*Science/Math	World History	Phys. Ed. (.5)
Phys Ed (.5)	Driver Education (.25)	*Science/Math	*Science/Math
	Phys Ed (.25)		
	Health (.5)		

*The third math and science may be selected in any grade.

With the approval of the proposed Chapter 4 Academic Standards and Assessment regulations by the Pennsylvania Legislature, graduation requirements for students attending Warwick High School include:

- 1. Complete the prescribed course/credit requirements as set forth above.**
- 2. Successfully complete a culminating project (Graduation Project) which demonstrates the student's ability to apply, analyze, synthesize, and evaluate information and communicate significant knowledge and understanding.**
- 3. Demonstrate proficiency in reading, and mathematics on either the State assessments administered in grade 11 or 12 or local assessment aligned with academic standards and State assessments. Successful completion of a remedial class or program is another way to meet this requirement.**
- 4. Demonstrate proficiency on Keystone tests beginning with class of 2014-15.**

Graduation Information

The high school principal will determine a student's eligibility for a diploma from Warwick High School and certify that the student has met all requirements. Only students who have met all of the graduation requirements as per Board Policy 5190 will be eligible to participate in the commencement ceremony.

Early Graduation

Plans for early graduation must be considered at course selection time. Students must apply for early graduation through their counselor. Before early graduation is granted, the student must secure the approval of his/her parents, guidance counselor and high school principal. Detailed information pertaining to early graduation is available from the guidance counselors.

Class Rank

Class rank is computed on the basis of grades earned in all subjects taken in grades 9 through 12 for which credit is granted. For Grade Point Average calculations, the following courses are weighted:

Honors English 11, 12	Advanced Algebra 2
Advanced Composition (Sem)	Advanced Plane Geometry
French IV,V	AP Biology
German IV, V	Chemistry II (Sem)
Spanish IV,V	Honors Chemistry
AP American History	Organic Chemistry (Sem)
AP World History	Introduction to Genetics (Sem)
AP American Government	Physics
Pre-Calculus	Honor Physics
Calculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC (Sem)	Advanced Seminar
Data Structures I, II (Sem)	Advanced Accounting
Probability and Statistics (Sem)	AP Studio/Portfolio
AP Probability and Statistics	Art History Prehistoric – Post Modern
Trigonometry (Sem)	

The weighted value for a 1-credit course is 1.2 quality points and the weighted value for a .5 credit course is .6 quality points.

Promotion Standards

In order for students to be “promoted” to the next grade level homeroom and to be members of a specific class (Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors), they must have earned a minimum number of credits. These minimum credit standards are:

- 4.5 credits (minimum) to move from 9th grade to 10th grade
- 10.0 credits (minimum) to move from 10th grade to 11th grade
- 15.0 credits (minimum) to move from 11th grade to 12th grade
- 22.0 credits (minimum, including required credits) to qualify for graduation

Students who do not meet these minimum requirements will not be assigned to the next grade level homeroom and will not be able to participate in the next grade level activities (Prom).

End of Semester/Year Course Failures

Students that fail a course required for graduation during the first semester will automatically be rescheduled for the same course during the second semester as long as the course is available. If the course is not available, students will be required to retake and pay for the course at another school district that runs a summer school program or retake the course through keystone Credit Recovery online (correspondence packets will no longer be accepted). If a passing score from Keystone or another school district is not received at Warwick by August 15th, the failed course will automatically be rescheduled for the next school year if the course is available. Elective courses will be dropped if necessary to accommodate the rescheduling of failed required courses.

Students that fail a second semester or year long course required for graduation will be required to retake and pay for the course at another school district that runs a summer school program or retake the course through Keystone Credit Recovery online (correspondence packets will no longer be accepted). If a passing score is not received at Warwick by August 15th, the failed course will automatically be rescheduled for the next school year if the course is available. Elective courses will be dropped if necessary to accommodate the rescheduling of failed courses.

Students should get credit recovery courses pre-approved by their high school counselor before enrolling, to ensure that the course will be accepted by the Warwick School District.

Please note: Grades for all outstanding required courses need to be received at the high school counseling office by August 15, 2011 or the course will automatically be rescheduled for the 2011-2012 school year.

Advanced Credit Policy

After the end of the 2010-2011 school year, the only courses that will be accepted for advanced credit are courses that are college level courses taken at an accredited college or university. Pre-approval for these courses must be obtained from the counseling office before registering for a course. High school schedules will not be adjusted to accommodate scheduling advanced credit college courses. Advanced credit courses taken at other educational institutions will not be included in GPA or class rank calculations.