

Vallivue School District 139

The State Board of Education requires that each pupil earn at least 48 credits that include certain specific subjects. A credit is given for satisfactorily completing one semester in a given subject. All students graduating from Vallivue High School will meet Idaho’s and Vallivue School District’s graduation requirements.

VALLIVUE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

COURSE	Required Semester Credit
English/Communications/Speech	9
Social Studies	7 (*a)
Mathematics	4
Science	4
Health	1
Physical Education	2 (*b)
Humanities	2(*c)
Total Requirements	29
Electives	19
Computer Technology	(*d)
Total Credits	48

*a United States History must be taken for two semester credits during the 10th-grade year in addition to the two semester credits of United States History required in 11th grade.

*b Students who participate in two different sports or activities within the same school year sponsored by Vallivue High School and signed off by the coach/advisor will receive two (2) physical education credits. This may occur only once during a student’s high school career and must be requested during the year of participation. Examples of sports/activities that may meet these requirements are: football, cross country, volleyball, soccer, basketball, wrestling, track and field, tennis, baseball, softball, golf, and dance team. Activities must have these components:

- At least 40 minutes a day, five days a week
- Intensity (how hard), flexibility and strength: Measurable physical change in cardiovascular endurance, muscle endurance and/or strength, and improved flexibility, or show the components of a lifetime sport. Students will be responsible for a time/activity log.
- Other physical education courses include weight lifting, aerobics, fitness class, lifetime sports, etc.

*c Course offerings in humanities include art, drama, music (band, choir and general music history offerings), creative writing, independent reading, and foreign language.

*d Students must enroll in a one (1) credit keyboarding class or pass the Keyboarding Competency Test.

STATE STANDARDS FOR GRADUATION

The State Board of Education has established that all students graduating from an Idaho public high school must meet the following requirements:

1. Local Achievement Standards. A student must successfully meet locally established subject area achievement standards, demonstrated through various measures of accountability, including, but not limited to, examinations. The local standards must meet or exceed the standard set by the state.
2. Course Credits and Core of Instruction. A student must successfully complete a minimum of forty-eight (48) semester credits, one semester equaling one-half (1/2) year, and successfully complete the following specified twenty-five (25) semester credits core of instruction:
 - a. Secondary Language Arts and communications—nine (9) credits required.
 - (1) Instruction in communications, including oral communication and technological applications;
 - (2) Four (4) years of English are required;
 - (3) Each year of English will consist of language study, composition and literature;
 - (4) A course of speech or a course in debate will fulfill one (1) credit requirement.
 - b. Mathematics and science—eight (8) credits required.
 - (1) A minimum of four (4) credits in math are required. Instruction in secondary mathematics will include applied mathematics, business mathematics, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, fundamentals of calculus, probability and statistics, discrete mathematics and courses in mathematical problem solving and reasoning.
 - (2) A minimum of four (4) credits in science, with two (2) credits in laboratory sciences are required. Instruction in secondary science will include applied sciences, earth and space sciences, physical sciences, and life sciences.
 - c. Social Studies—seven (7) credits required in the following subject areas:
 - (1) Two (2) credits in government; two (2) credits in U.S. History I; two (2) credits in U.S. History II; one (1) credit in economics.

Current world affairs and geography will be integrated into all social studies instruction. Courses such as geography, sociology, world affairs and world history may be offered as electives, but will not be counted as a social studies requirement.

- d. Humanities—two (2) credits required, to include a course in interdisciplinary humanities or the related study of one (1) or more of the following topics: literature, philosophy, music, art, drama, dance, foreign languages, or comparative world religions, if the course syllabus is aligned with the humanities standard.
- e. Health/Wellness—one (1) credit required that focuses on positive health habits.

Proficiency (effective January 1, 2006)

A student will show proficiency on the Idaho Student Achievement Test (ISAT) as defined by state board rules. A student who does not attain at least a proficient score prior to graduation may appeal to the Vallivue School Board of Trustees, and at the discretion of the Vallivue Board of Trustees, may be given an opportunity to demonstrate proficiency of the achievement standards through PLATO.

Before appealing to the Vallivue Board of Trustees for the alternate measure (PLATO), the student must be:

- , enrolled in a special education program and have an Individual Education Plan (IEP); or
- , enrolled in a Limited English Proficient (LEP) Program for three academic years or less; or
- , enrolled in the fall semester of the senior year.

Core Requirements

1. Required: eight (8) semesters English, four (4) semesters mathematics, one (1) semester speech.
2. Ninth-grade entry level will determine sequence/placement for mathematics and science.
3. When circumstances warrant adjustment, i.e., student transfer, failure of a subject or high academic skill coupled with a strong motivation of the student, the principal may approve a change in sequence within the subject area limitation.
4. Any high school student who completes the subject requirements of both the state and the school district prior to completing eight semesters of high school work may petition the local board to graduate early.
5. The instruction program of the student shall provide for the establishment of a full four-year instructional program beginning with the freshmen year, and students are to schedule seven (7) periods per day for their four years of high school, including the senior year. It may be possible for a student to be authorized to register for less than seven class periods a day, but such authorization must be secured through the building principal.
6. Release time shall not reduce graduation requirements for Vallivue High School. No credit shall be awarded by the high school or school district for completion of courses during release time for religious reasons. High school personnel will develop class schedules for each high school student.(See "Administrative Procedures for Release Time for Students").

Acceptance of Credits

All credits received from accredited parochial or non-public schools will be accepted for graduation from Vallivue High School.

Credits from Non-accredited Institutions

Any credits earned from non-accredited institutions or programs will not be accepted for graduation from Vallivue High School.

Correspondence Credit

Correspondence credits will be accepted toward high school graduation for any pupil when deemed in the best interest of supporting the student's academic achievements and when deemed acceptable following the same guidelines as those credits accepted from other accredited schools.

Home Study Courses

A home-schooled student must meet all grade-level and other graduation requirements of the Vallivue School District in order to graduate and obtain a Vallivue High School diploma. Students in grades 9-12 who have been home schooled and are requesting a transfer of credits, credits earned, and/or grade placement shall be subject to examination and approval before being accepted by the district. An evaluation committee consisting of a counselor, staff member from each subject area in which credit is being requested, and the building principal will review the request.

The Vallivue School District will give credit for home schools that have met the following minimum conditions: (1) Completed an approved/prescribed course of home study; or (2) a student has achieved a proficient or advanced score on the ISAT (Idaho Standards Achievement Test).

Requirements for Admission to Idaho's Public Colleges and Universities

The math and natural science requirements for students planning to attend an Idaho college or university are as follows:

1. Math (6 credits minimum)
 - a. Algebra I and geometry and another course requiring Algebra I as a prerequisite.
 - b. Other course may be selected from: Algebra II, Analytic Geometry, Calculus, Statistics or Trigonometry.
2. Natural Science (6 credits minimum)

Course may be selected from: Anatomy, Biology, Botany, Chemistry, Geology, Physics, Science III, Zoology (must have lab science experience in at least 2 credits).

ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

As a further condition of graduation, and as a condition of issuance of a diploma or certificate, or as a condition for issuance of a transcript, all indebtedness incurred by a person when he or she was a student must be paid. Furthermore, all books or other instructional material, uniforms, athletic equipment, advances on loans, or other personal property of the school district borrowed by the person when he or she was a student of the district must be returned. The payment of fees may be excused upon an adequate showing of financial need or other exigency.

CREDIT CALCULATION

Credits toward graduation requirements cannot be counted more than once for meeting the minimum requirements.



LEGAL REFERENCE:

Idaho Code Sections

33-119

33-603

33-1601, *et seq.*

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