

Gardiner High School

Graduation Requirements

Graduation from high school is a basic goal for all students. The staff of Gardiner High School will make every effort to make this goal a reality. The following is basic information to guide the student and parent in achieving that goal. All requirements are for grades 9-12.

A) A student must earn 25 units of credit.

- 1) A unit of credit is earned when a student passes one course taught over the period of a year. One-half units are granted upon the successful completion of one semester of a course.
- 2) One credit per year is earned for physical education and health. Band and chorus credits vary depending on the number of classroom hours per week.
- 3) A grade of "A", "B", "C", or "D", is a passing grade. A grade of "F" is a failing grade.

B) The following are graduation requirements for **Gardiner High School**:

English	4 units of credit	
Mathematics	3 units of credit	
Science	2 units of credit	
Social Studies	3 units of credit	Ex: World Hist., U.S. Hist., and Gov't
Physical Education	2 units of credit	
Vocational Education	1 unit of credit	
Fine Arts	1 unit of credit	
Electives	all other courses can be counted as an elective.	

C) The Montana University System has the following suggestions for "COLLEGE PREP" course work: (for college entry, admissions departments look at 9-12th)

*English	4 years	
*Math	3 years	(Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and a course beyond Alg. II)
*Lab Science	3 years	(General or Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
*Social Studies	3 years	(1 Global Studies, U.S. History, One third year course)
*Other Electives	3 years	(3 years from the following: World Lang. (2 years preferable), Computer Science, Visual and Performing Arts, Vocational Ed. units (such as Information Tech., Computer Science).

Details to consider:

- 1) **Math:** Algebra I taken during 8th grade was approved by the school board to be accepted on the high school transcript and to be included in the GPA. This board action began for the school year 2014-2015.
- 2) **Social Studies:** Must include the following 3 units of credit. This board action will begin school year 2016-2017.
A) Global Studies class: such as World History or World Geography B) U.S. History C) Government 3) **PE:** Classes do not have to be done in consecutive years but students are required to have 2 years.
- 4) **World History:** It is important that students understand that World History was originally designed to be a 10th grade class. Reading and writing skills should be strong if a student plans to take it in 9th grade in order to take A.P. European History during 10th grade.
- 5) See **MUS Rigorous Core Fact Sheet** for additional information on requirements and College Prep.
- 6) **A.P. Language & Composition:** can be taken during 11th or 12th grade.
- 7) **School To Work:** This opportunity is reserved primarily for seniors.
- 8) **Montana Digital Academy- MTDA/online courses-** courses are provided by the state free of charge as enrichment opportunities. Students can register for them if they meet the requirements and application process. Students may not substitute an online course for a core subject if it's offered here. Students may only take one course at a time. Special circumstances and special approval can be granted if administration feels that it is in the best interest of the student.
- 9) **Dual Credit Courses:** See Mrs. Reinertson individually to explore.
- 10) **Gardiner School Board** increased the Math credits from 2 to 3. Gardiner students are required to have a minimum of 3 high school math credits for graduation. This requirement begins with 9th graders of 2020, graduating class of 2024. (June 2020).

Students interested in **MTDA** and **School To Work** should see Mrs. Reinertson for details and to explore the process.

Standards Based

Grade Scale	GPA	Letter
4	4.0	A
3	3.33	B
2	2.33	C
1	1.33	F
0	0	F