## **GRANTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD POLICY**

POLICY CODE: Chapter 9; Section K

#### **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Granton High School and At-Risk diplomas will be issued - to all students who satisfactorily complete the requirements for graduation as set by the District and whose conduct warrants such recognition. The high school Principal and/or District Administrator shall be the judge of this accomplishment.

# **High School Diploma**

- 1. The Granton District shall develop a graduation plan for each student enrolled in grades nine through twelve to address the student's academic pathway to meet graduation requirements. The graduation plan should be developed jointly by the student and a representative of the school. Parents shall also be invited to participate in the development of the graduation plan. The plan shall be updated annually until the student graduates with a high school diploma or is no longer enrolled in the school.
- 2. A graduation plan is intended to supplement an existing student success plan. Exceptional education students may qualify for graduation and receive a diploma upon satisfactorily completing the requirements set for them in their approved IEP, or program, and if their conduct warrants such recognition. Exceptional educational students may also qualify for graduation with a recommendation of a multidisciplinary team.
- 3. The minimum number of credits required for graduation are 25 credits.
  - Credit requirements shall be as follows:

#### **State Requirements:**

- a) English 4 credits
- b) Social Studies 3 credits
- c) Mathematics 3 credits
- d) Science 3 credits
- e) Physical Education 1.5 credits
- f) Health Education .5 credits
- g) Electives: 9.5 credits plus a Granton Area School District requirement for a .5 credit course in personal finance
- All 9-12 students will be required to register for 7 or more credits per year.
   Freshmen, sophomores and juniors will not be demoted or retained in their class, but a student will not be considered a senior unless he/she has successfully completed 17 credits

- 4. Students receiving diplomas from Granton High School must have attended eight (8) semesters prior to graduation.\*
  - \* The Board may approve early graduation requests on an individual basis, if all graduation requirements have been met.
  - \* School Board Policy, Chapter 10, Section Y, HOME BASED INSTRUCTION Transfer Students, 4A
  - \* Students transferring into Granton from other schools will be evaluated for semester and credit compliance. Students will be held accountable for the number of credits under their former school requirements. (Ex. A school with 24 credits required would need 6 credits per year of attendance.) A proportional number of credits will be required based on the year of graduation and number of years in the district. All required courses under s.118.33(1) are required for graduation.
- 5. Any student that does not show satisfactory progress toward the completion of the required credits for graduation or the required courses as specified in this policy by the end of the third quarter, or have not met other obligations, including detentions, will be notified that they will not be able to participate in the graduation ceremonies.
  - If the student can show satisfactory progress by 15 school days from graduation, they will be notified that they may participate in graduation ceremonies, however, if their grades drop within that 15 days, and they fail to meet the graduation requirements or other obligations, they will not receive a diploma, and will be given the opportunity to complete their graduation requirements and receive their diploma at a later date.
- 6. Any senior showing satisfactory progress at the end of the third quarter but is not showing satisfactory progress by 15 school days from graduation toward the completion of the required credits for graduation or the required courses, as specified in this policy, or have not met their other obligations including detentions, will be notified.

## At-Risk Diploma

- 1. An At-Risk Diploma requires qualification of a "Children at risk" under Wisconsin Statute 188.153. At-Risk Diploma will be achieved upon successful completion of the District created At-Risk Plan/Contract.
  - a. Further information regarding the Granton Area School District Students At Risk Policy can be found under Chapter 9; Section EC.
  - b. Granton School District School Board Policies

## **HSED (High School Equivalency Diploma)**

Students that choose to obtain a HSED (High School Equivalency Diploma) rather than

complete the Granton Area School District graduation requirements will not receive a Granton Area School District diploma and may participate in the graduation ceremony.

Any exception(s) to the procedures governing the above graduation requirements can only be made by special school board action.

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References: Wisconsin Statutes: 115.29 (4); 118.30; 118.33; 121.02(1)(s)