

## GRADUATION REQUIRMENTS/EARLY GRADUATION

The District desires that its standards for graduation meet the minimum standards of South Dakota Department of Education as well as those of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The following courses will be required for graduation at Watertown High School.

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005-09</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
English/Language Arts	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Mathematics	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Science	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Speech	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5
Social Studies	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.0
Computer Science	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5
Fine Arts	.5	.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Economics or Personal Finance				.5	.5	.5
Physical Education w/Health		.5	.5	.5	.5	.5
SD Other requirements					1.0	1.0
Career Technical						
World Lang, or						
Capstone/Senior						
Experience						
<u>Electives</u>	<u>9.0</u>	<u>8.5</u>	<u>8.0</u>	<u>7.5</u>	<u>6.5</u>	<u>7.0</u>
Total	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0

Students who are unable to meet the graduation requirements will not be permitted to participate in graduation exercises.

Early Graduation

Students at Watertown High School are encouraged to remain in school for the full four academic years. However, students who choose to consider early graduation would need to meet the following criteria.

- A. Complete a minimum of seven semesters of high school.
- B. Early graduates must have completed a minimum of two consecutive semesters of attendance at Watertown High School.
- C. Complete an audit of course requirements with Student Services to determine if enough credits exist or can be completed to graduate early.
- D. Arrange a conference with the principal and parents prior to the end of the first grading period of the student's senior year.
- E. Complete all senior course requirements during the first semester of the senior year.
- F. Early Graduates may not participate in the graduation ceremony with their class in the spring of the year.
- G. Early Graduates are no longer students at Watertown High School and may not attend nor participate in school events as Watertown High School students.

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