

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- I. In order to receive a diploma from Mountain View High School, students will be required to complete the following courses of study:

4 credits	English
3 credits	Science
3 credits	Social Studies, including: World Geography American History Government
3 credits	Math, plus reach proficiency or take 4 Math credits***
1 credit	Consumer Economics
1 credit	Physical Education/Health
1 credit	Fine Arts
1 credit	Computer I
1 credit	Speech & Reading (beginning with the class of 2018)

(Students must take all of the above requirements, plus additional elective credits to total 28 Carnegie Unit credits or more.)

AND

- II. In addition, thereto, the School District, in consultation with the State Board of Education, shall establish requirements for students to earn a high school diploma as evidenced by course completion and as measured by the district's assessment system prescribed by rule and regulation of the State Board and required under W.S. 21-3-110(a)(xxiv). In order to provide students with opportunities to become equipped to compete both intellectually and economically in society, the School District shall offer an educational program that is aligned to the common core of knowledge and skills specified under W.S. 21-9-101(b).

The District may also make such other arrangements for special education students as are not inconsistent with the law, and which are in accordance with the District's rules and regulations governing programs for handicapped children, including making provision to recognize those students who have met the requirements of their individualized educational

plan but cannot receive a diploma reflecting completion of the state mandated graduation requirements.

III. Four years of Comparable High School Equivalency.

Students need to complete a full four year course of study at the high school.

This would combine all courses taken in any accredited high school or board recognized alternative program of instruction.

IV. **Uinta County School District 4 Reduced Credits Diploma**

The core philosophy related to allowing students to receive a high school diploma with fewer than the required number of credits is that it allows an opportunity for students to achieve a high school diploma may be at-risk to not graduate because of failing classes or lack of engagement with school. Any request to pursue a reduced credit diploma (RCD) must be approved by school administration.

MVHS requires 28 credits for graduation, of which 10 are considered elective credits. The State of Wyoming requires 13 credits for graduation. The Uinta 4 Reduced Credit Diploma would require 24 credits.

MVHS High School Diploma		State of Wyoming Diploma	
Subject	Required Credits	Subject	Required Credits
English	4.0	English	4.0
Math	3.0 (plus 1.0 if not proficient on the ACT)	Math	3.0
Social Studies	3.0	Social Studies (includes: history, US gov't., and economic systems and institutions)	3.0
Science	3.0	Science (possible 1.0 computer science)	3.0
Consumer Econ	1.0		
Computers 1	1.0		
PE/Health	1.0		

Fine Arts	1.0		
Speech and Reading	1.0		
Elective Credits	10.0		
Total	28.0		13.0

MVHS High School Diploma		UCSD #4 Reduced Requirements Diploma	
Subject	Required Credits	Subject	Required Credits
English	4.0	English	4.0
Math	3.0 (plus 1.0 if not proficient on the ACT)	Math	3.0
Science	3.0	Science (possible 1.0 computer science)	3.0
Social Studies	3.0	Social Studies (include: history, US gov't., and economic systems and institutions)	3.0
Consumer Econ	1.0	Consumer Econ	1.0
Computers 1	1.0	Computers 1	1.0
PE/Health	1.0	PE/Health	1.0
Fine Arts	1.0	Fine Arts	1.0
Speech and Reading	1.0	Speech and Reading	1.0
Elective Credits	10.0	Elective Credits* (of which at least .5 credits MUST be a work experience or Educational Internship)	6*
Total	28.0		24.0

Students who wish to participate in the RCD program and their parents will be allowed to apply at the conclusion of a student's sophomore year or afterwards. Student pursuing early graduation must follow these steps:

1. A Student and their parent(s) or guardian(s) will petition the principal after the second semester of the sophomore year of intent to pursue a reduced credits high school diploma.
2. Petition will include why the student and their parent(s) feel the RCD is in the student's best interest to graduate from high school.
3. Petition will include what the student plans to do after graduation from high school.
4. Dated signature and support statement from student's parent or guardian and student, including the Reduced Credits Diploma Checklist and Information Statement.
5. Signature, support statement, and graduation plan outlining remaining classes and timeline to complete those classes from the MVHS school counselor.
6. Signature and support statement from high school principal.
7. Signature and support statement indicating parent and student understanding that a student pursuing a RCD may not participate in the general graduation ceremony for students achieving a 28 credit diploma. Students who graduate with a RCD will be eligible for all end of year honors and scholarships, and the end of year drug and alcohol free party, but they may not be eligible for any graduation ceremony activities.

There may be rare occasions when a student will be eligible or desires to graduate early and these will be reviewed on an as needed basis with the principal, parents and the superintendent. This group will meet to establish the directions for this Early Graduation request. In order to graduate early the following criteria must be met.

1. Petition to the principal during the second semester of the sophomore year of intent to complete graduation requirements early.
 - a. Petition will include why the early graduation is needed;
 - b. Under what circumstances the student plans to continue their education;
 - c. Why the petitioner feels this request is in their best interest;
 - d. Signature and support statement from petitioner's parent or guardian;
 - e. Signature and support statement from high school principal.
2. Planned course of study beyond the secondary high school level.
3. Ability to complete all coursework required for a diploma from Mountain View High School, prior to the beginning of the semester of the next term. If student is to graduate early and not be in attendance during the senior year, all outside coursework must be completed by August 1st. Students who wish to graduate midterm of the senior year must complete all outside class work before the end of the first semester. Participation in graduation is not a right; therefore, any student

who petitions to graduate early must have all classes taken and completed prior to May 1 to participate in graduation ceremonies. Students who choose graduation before the date established and who choose to obtain their diploma before the date established for their enrollment class will be allowed to do so if they have completed all requirements under this policy by May 1st of the selected graduation year. If any student does not complete the requirements of the policy by May 1st but does complete them by August 1st, the said student may participate in the ceremonies for the class graduation that is established for the next year. Diplomas will be given only after final confirmation that all requirements have been met to graduate from Mountain View High School. This is a requirement for all students regardless of their selected graduation year.

4. The initial decision of an early graduation request will be reviewed by the High School Principal, then forwarded to the Superintendent of Schools with a recommended course of action. If the decision is to deny the request, the petitioner may appeal by submitting a written letter to the Superintendent. This appeal will be forward to the Board of Trustees for review and a decision.

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