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**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Requirements for a Standard Diploma

1. Students, including transfer students, must maintain a "C" (2.0) average in all courses for graduation.
2. Students must pass Mathematics, Writing, Reading and Science Proficiency tests at the level prescribed by the Nevada Department of Education.
3. Practical English will count toward the 4 credits English requirement for High School graduation.
4. Art, Music, Drama, Critical Thinking, Psychology or Foreign Language will count for the Humanities credit.
5. Participation in an extracurricular or community sport, weight training, or aerobics can count as P.E. credit with documentation of hours of participation. 60 hours or 1 season of sports counts as .5 credit. Limited to 1 credit in 4 years.
6. Any courses (including T/A, work experience, service learning, internships, college classes, interactive video classes, correspondence classes) that are taken which do not fulfill core course requirements will count as electives.
7. All students must meet all grade and course requirements by 3 days prior to the date of graduation in order to graduate with their class or participate in the graduation ceremonies.
8. Successful completion of a Senior Project is required beginning with the graduating class of 2003-04.

**Storey County Graduation Requirements**

Standard Diploma Requirements		Advanced Diploma Requirements	
Subject	Units	Subject	Units
English	4	English	4
Mathematics	3	Mathematics*	3
Physical Education	2	Physical Education	2
Science	2	Natural Science**	3
American Government	1 (12 <sup>th</sup> grade)	American Government	1 (12 <sup>th</sup> grade)
United States History	1 (11 <sup>th</sup> grade)	United States History	1 (11 <sup>th</sup> grade)
Geography	1	Social Studies	1
Health	½	Health	½
Computer Literacy	½	Computer Literacy	½
Humanities	1	Humanities	½
Electives	7	Electives	7
Foreign Language		Foreign Language	½
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>

**+2.0 "c" average Grade Point Required**

**3.5 "A-" Grade Point Average Required**

**\*3 Units in higher-level mathematics, including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus and/or Calculus.**

**\*\*3 Units in Lab Sciences (Biology, Biology II, Chemistry and Physics). Students must earn a "B" or better.**

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Please Note: Credits for an Advanced Placement class will be: an "A" grade will count as 5 points, a "B" grade as 4 points and a "C" grade will still be worth 2 points.

#### Additional Requirements for an Advanced Diploma

1. Students, including transfer students, must maintain a 3.5 "A-" Grade Point Average in all courses for graduation.

#### Early Graduation/Senior Short Day Policy

1. Students who complete the above requirements at any earlier date than their original class of enroll may graduate at the date of the completion of requirements with the consent of the parents or guardian (if the student is under 18), the building site administrator and the counselor.
2. Seniors who have completed enough credits at the beginning or the middle of their senior year may elect to shorten their schedule to no shorter than 4 periods per day. They may do this with the approval of the building site administrator and the counselor. The counselor and the site administrator reserve the right to base this decision on documented outside employment and/or Community College class schedules.

#### Remediation Requirements

To assist students in passing the required Nevada High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE), students who have not yet passed these exams must:

1. if a 12<sup>th</sup> grade student has not yet passed the math portion of the HSPE, the student must be enrolled in a high school math proficiency class during the fall semester of the senior year and again during the spring semester should the HSPE not yet be passed.
2. if an 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade student has not passed 1 or more portions of the HSPE, the student must take a class during the high school intersession which corresponds to each portion of the HSPE yet to be passed.

#### Intersession Credits Policy

1. Students are granted elective credit for enrichment classes taken during Intersession with the courses being determined through the school site administrator. Decisions as to where each credit for new classes count toward district approved graduation requirements will be decided by the staff at the High School in conjunction with the guidance counselor and the principal.
2. Remediation Classes count for elective credit only, however, the class may be taken only one time for credit.
  - a. Students who successfully complete work in their remediation classes may petition the teacher of the original class within 1 week of the end of Intersession for an improved grade. The teacher will confer with the original teacher and they will jointly determine if the grade should be changed or kept the same. They may then request a grade change to the counselor in writing at which point the transcript will be updated.

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- b. Remediation classes taken will appear on the transcript either as an A or F or a P/F grade.

Certificate of Participation

The Certificate of Participation is given to those students who meet all course requirements for graduation but do not pass one or more of the proficiency tests. The Certificate of Attendance may be exchanged for an earned advanced or standard diploma upon passing all of the proficiency tests.