

Proposed Graduation Requirement Changes for Incoming Freshman (2006-2007) who will be graduating in 2010.

Firth High School Academic Information

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

2005-2006 (2006-2007)

Firth High School requires 48 (**54**) credits to graduate. Here is a list of subjects required for graduation from Firth High School.

SUBJECTS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION FROM FIRTH HIGH SCHOOL



8 credits of English (**10 credits – a full year of Freshman and Sophomore English**)

4 credits of Mathematics

4 credits of Science

1 credit of Speech

~~1 credit of Reading~~ (**Obsolete**)

9 credits of Social Science

18 elective credits (**22 elective credits**)

2 credits of Physical Education

1 credit of Health, ~~Physiology, or Health Occupations~~ (**Only Health counts now**)
(**1 credit of Computer Technology**)

Total of -----48 credits (**54 credits**)

Note: Basic and Special Education classes will not fulfill these requirements.

Effective May 2006, students are required to pass the ISAT test provided by the State of Idaho in order to graduate.

Year by Year Schedule to Meet Graduation Requirements

Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
English I – full year	English II – full year	English III	English IV
Algebra I, General Math or Pre-Algebra	Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Pre-Algebra, or General Math	US History	Government
Physical Science	Biology	Health	Economics
World History	Speech	Spanish	Consumer Economics
Physical Education	US History 1	Technology	Physical Education

On our current system of three trimesters and six class periods per day, a freshman that is rolled all through their senior year could earn 72 credits (6 per trimester/ 18 per year x four years=72 credits). By requiring 54 credits, we allow students who fail a course to repeat the course rather than drop out. We also allow those students who want to participate in release time the opportunity to do so (beginning this year, students who participate in release time will take a full year or 3 credits thus using up 12 credits by the time they graduate from the remaining 18 credits available). Those students not participating in release time or in need of repeating a course can fill their schedule with the additional credits required by university admission guidelines as well as participating in other elective courses of their choice.

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Additional requirements for admission to Idaho Technical Colleges

Standards for high school graduates of 1997 and thereafter:

1. High School diploma with a minimum 2.00 GPA
2. Placement examination (CPT, ASSET, ACT, SAT or other tests approved by the State Board for Vocational Education)
3. Satisfactory completion of high school course work that includes at least the following:
 - Math – 2 credits, which will include two of the following: Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Algebra III, or Calculus. One math class must be taken in the 11th or 12 grade; (*We exceed this requirement*)
 - Science – 2 credits (*We exceed this requirement*)
 - English – 4 (*We exceed this requirement*)
4. Tech Prep sequences and organized work-based curriculum are strongly recommended.

COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS

Unless you follow this guideline, you may experience difficulties as you apply for admission to any four-year institution. You should have a minimum of the following in the State of Idaho:

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| 8 credits | **English or AP English (<i>we are exceeding this college requirement; we require 10 credits</i>) |
| 6 credits | **Math (Technical Math I or Algebra I and above, are the only acceptable credits, Accounting, General Math, etc., are not acceptable.) (<i>We require 4 credits but offer additional Math credits and courses for the students</i>) |
| 6 credits | **Natural Science (Physical Science, Biology, AP Biology, Chemistry, and Physics.) (<i>We require 4 credits but offer additional Science credits and courses for the students</i>) |
| 9 credits | **Social Science (1 credit in World History, 1 credit in U.S. History, 1 credit in American Government, and ½ credit in Economics.) (<i>We meet this requirement; additional courses and credits are offered</i>) |
| 1 credit | **Foreign Language (one year) (<i>We offer only Spanish at this time – students use their extra credit options to take this course</i>) |
| 1 credit | **Speech (<i>We offer this and students use their extra credit options to take this course</i>) |