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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline the minimum core standards for Nebo School District elementary and secondary schools and students and to establish high school graduation requirements, including academic and citizenship credit and grading.

2. COURSE DESCRIPTION STANDARDS AND OBJECTIVES

The Utah State Board of Education establishes minimum standards and objectives for course descriptions for each course in the required general core. Course descriptions for required and elective courses are developed cooperatively by the District and the Utah State Board of Education. The descriptions shall contain mastery criteria for the courses and shall stress mastery of the course material rather than completion of predetermined time allotments for courses. Implementation and assessment procedures for approved courses are the responsibility of the Nebo District Curriculum Committee and the professional staff of individual schools. Proposed new courses at a school must first be approved by the school Curriculum Review Committee and then by the District Curriculum Committee, after which they will be submitted to the USBE for approval.

3. GENERAL CORE REQUIREMENTS

3.1. Grades K-6

- 3.1.1.** Students in grades K-6 shall be taught according to the requirements found in [UTAH ADMIN. CODE R277-700-4](#), as amended. The requirements are set forth in Exhibit 1 of this policy, which the Superintendent or his/her designee may amend and update in accordance with Utah law.
- 3.1.2.** The District shall conduct informal assessments on a regular basis to ensure continual student progress.
- 3.1.3.** The District shall assess students for proficiency in keyboarding by grade 5 and report school level results to the State Superintendent.
- 3.1.4.** The District shall use USBE-approved summative adaptive assessments to assess student mastery of the following:

- 3.1.4.1.** reading;
 - 3.1.4.2.** language arts;
 - 3.1.4.3.** mathematics;
 - 3.1.4.4.** science; and
 - 3.1.4.5.** effectiveness of written expression in grades five and eight.
- 3.1.5.** The District shall provide remediation to elementary students who do not achieve mastery of the subjects described in this section.

3.2. Grades 7-8

- 3.2.1.** The core standards and a general core for students in grades 7-8 are described in [UTAH ADMIN. CODE R277-700-5](#) and listed in Exhibit 1 of this policy.
- 3.2.2.** The District shall use evidence-based best practices, technology, and other instructional media in middle school curricula to increase the relevance and quality of instruction.
- 3.2.3.** The District shall use USBE-approved summative adaptive assessments to assess student mastery of the following:
 - 3.2.3.1.** reading;
 - 3.2.3.2.** language arts;
 - 3.2.3.3.** mathematics; and
 - 3.2.3.4.** science.
- 3.2.4.** The District may:
 - 3.2.4.1.** offer additional elective courses;
 - 3.2.4.2.** require a student to complete additional courses; or
 - 3.2.4.3.** set minimum credit requirements.
- 3.2.5.** Upon parental or student request, the District may, with parental consent, substitute a course requirement for a student in grade 7 or 8 as described in Exhibit 1 with a course, extracurricular activity, or experience that is:
 - 3.2.5.1.** similar to the course requirement; or
 - 3.2.5.2.** consistent with the student's plan for college and career readiness.
- 3.2.6.** A parent or student requesting a course substitution under subsection 3.2.5 must make the request to school counselor. Denial by the counselor of a student or parent's request may be appealed to the school principal. A student or parent may not appeal the school principal's decision on a course substitution request.

3.3. Grades 9-12

3.3.1. The general core and core standards for students in grades 9-12 are described in [UTAH ADMIN. CODE R277-700-6](#) and listed in Exhibit 1 of this policy.

3.3.2. In addition to the requirements set forth in Exhibit 1, the Board requires that students in grades 9-12 earn sufficient additional elective credits to reach the number listed below to graduate and earn a diploma from their respective high school.

Landmark High School	24 credits
Maple Mountain High School	26 credits
Nebo Online Learning Summit	24 credits
Payson High School	26 credits
Salem Hills High School (students who attended Mt. Nebo Junior High)	32 credits
Salem Hills High School (students who attended Salem Junior High)	33 credits
Spanish Fork High School	32 credits
Springville High School	26 credits

3.3.3. Students taking classes through the Advanced Learning Center (ALC) graduate from their boundary high school if they meet the credit requirements for that school. The ALC is an accredited school, but it does not offer graduation or diplomas.

3.3.4. The District shall use Board-approved summative adaptive assessments to assess student mastery of the following subjects:

- 3.3.4.1.** reading;
- 3.3.4.2.** language arts;
- 3.3.4.3.** mathematics; and
- 3.3.4.4.** science.

3.3.5. The District may require a student to earn credits for graduation that exceed the minimum USBE requirements.

3.3.6. The District may establish and offer additional elective course offerings.

3.3.7. The District may modify a student's graduation requirements to meet the unique educational needs of the student if:

- 3.3.7.1.** the student has a disability; and
- 3.3.7.2.** the modifications to the student's graduation requirements are made through the student's IEP.

3.3.8. The District shall document the nature and extent of a modification, substitution, or exemption made to a student's graduation requirements in the student's IEP.

3.3.9. The District may modify graduation requirements for an individual student to achieve an appropriate route to student success if the modification:

- 3.3.9.1.** is consistent with:

- 3.3.9.1.1.** the student's IEP; or
 - 3.3.9.1.2.** SEOP/Plan for College and Career Readiness;
- 3.3.9.2.** is maintained in the student's file;
- 3.3.9.3.** includes the parent's signature; and
- 3.3.9.4.** maintains the integrity and rigor expected for high school graduation, as determined by the USBE.

3.3.10. Individual high schools may offer eligible students the Focused Graduation Pathway (FGP) described in [UTAH ADMIN. CODE R277-722](#). Before enrolling students in the FGP, a school must meet all requirements set forth by USBE.

4. DIPLOMAS

- 4.1.** In accordance with [UTAH ADMIN. CODE R277-705-4](#), Nebo School District awards high school diplomas.
- 4.2.** A diploma shall be awarded to a student who has successfully completed all state and district course, credit, and assessment requirements for graduation.
- 4.3.** Diplomas are printed by a third party contractor. The District does not maintain copies of diplomas and does not issue replacement copies.
- 4.4.** A certificate of completion may be awarded to a student as provided in [Nebo School District Policy JS, Special Education](#).
- 4.5.** A student with a disability served by an individualized education program (IEP) shall be awarded a diploma if the student has satisfied the graduation criteria set forth in the student's IEP consistent with state and federal law and [Nebo School District Policy JS, Special Education](#).
- 4.6.** A diploma, a certificate, credits, or an unofficial transcript may not be withheld from a student for nonpayment of school fees.
- 4.7.** Students who have earned a high school diploma may participate in graduation exercises consistent with [Nebo School District Policy IKFA, Graduation Ceremonies](#).

5. SECONDARY ACADEMIC CREDIT

- 5.1.** Credit. A credit or fraction thereof shall be given upon satisfactory completion of a course or learning experience in compliance with state or school course standards. Students may also complete a course on a performance basis, in which case assessment of mastery will be the responsibility of the school administration and of the District Curriculum Committee. Credit may be awarded only once for a specific required core course with the same content during the secondary school experience. Credits are generally awarded in increments of a quarter credit (0.25). A successfully completed one semester course will result in the earning of a half credit (0.50). Passing a two-semester course will result in the granting of a full credit (1.0). An appropriate fraction of the whole credit for a course is granted at the end of each grading period in quarter credit increments.
- 5.2.** Students may earn credit by any of the following methods:
 - 5.2.1.** Successful completion of secondary school courses (grades 9-12).
 - 5.2.2.** Successful completion of concurrent enrollment classes consistent with Section 6.
 - 5.2.3.** Demonstrated competency, as determined through use of an assessment instrument approved by the District Curriculum Committee. Credit under this paragraph is awarded on a pass/fail basis.

5.2.4. Review of student work or projects (portfolio) consistent with procedures and criteria approved by the District Curriculum Committee.

5.2.5. Successful completion of correspondence or electronic course work offered by an accredited education institution.

5.3. Transcripts of Credit

5.3.1. All credit earned or attempted through any of the above options will be posted to an official student transcript of credits. The transcript will include the title of the course and grades and credits earned. Failed courses will also be posted to the student transcript even though credit is not earned. Transcripts are issued by a student's home high school.

5.4. Work-Based Learning Credit. Students may earn credit through Work Based Learning programs as provided in [Nebo School District Policy IGADA, Work-Based Learning Experiences for Students](#).

5.5. Acceptance of Transfer Credit

5.5.1. Nebo School District accepts transfer credit from any accredited public or private school. Nebo School District schools will not change or re-evaluate any credit which has been placed on an official student transcript from an accredited public or private school. Graduation requirements may be adjusted on an individual basis to accommodate the differences in course offerings available in the district or school where the student previously attended. Students who transfer from an accredited school are required to earn 0.8387 of the total number of credits available to the student from 9th through 12th grade. Thus, a student who transfers at the beginning of her senior year from a school that offers 10 credits per year to a school that offers 8 credits per year will be required to earn 32 credits (38 X 0.8387).

5.5.2. Nebo School District does not accept previously earned credits from any non-accredited institutions within the United States. Students who enter Nebo District schools after transferring from a public or private non-accredited school or home school must meet the same requirements for graduation as outlined in this policy.

5.5.3. When a student transfers to the District from outside the United States, the student's transcript will be evaluated on an individual basis by the school's counseling department to determine which credits will be accepted by the District.

5.5.4. Nebo students who attend school in a foreign country for one or more years and then return to Nebo District must submit a transcript of courses taken to the counseling department at the school where the student is enrolled for a credit evaluation. Credits may be posted to the student's official transcript if the assigned counselor and the school principal can confirm the validity of the courses taken.

5.6. Limitation on Use of Packets

5.6.1. The packet method, as defined in [UTAH CODE ANN. § 53E-3-501](#), is an educational approach where a high school student receives a collection of instructional materials (a "packet"), works through the materials independently with minimal or no direct instruction from a teacher, and is assessed based on completion of assignments within the instructional materials. A packet refers to both physical and digital materials. Packets may only be used in limited circumstances, as described in this subsection.

5.6.2. The packet method may be used for credit recovery on a pass/fail basis (referred to as "replacement credit" in [UTAH CODE ANN. § 53E-3-501\(7\)\(vi\)](#)), only if the specific packet to be used has first been approved by the Board in an open meeting for use as a primary source material. The District Curriculum Committee may recommend a packet to the Board for approval after the committee has vetted and approved the packet as a primary source material in accordance with [Nebo School District Policy IIA, Student Instruction and Materials](#).

- 5.6.3. The packet method may be used to award a letter grade or grant original credit only if the specific packet to be used has first been approved by the Board in an open meeting for use as a primary source material. The District Curriculum Committee may recommend a packet to the Board for approval after the committee has vetted and approved the packet as a primary source material in accordance with [Nebo School District Policy IIA, Student Instruction and Materials](#).
- 5.6.4. The packet method may not be used for grade replacement or course grade forgiveness, as described in subsection 6.9. A packet may not be used as a comparable course.

5.7. Other Credit Guidelines

- 5.7.1. **High School Principals Council.** The High School Principals Council consists of the Nebo School District high school principals and the Director of Secondary Education, who serves as the chair. This council is empowered to rule upon any high school credit issues not specifically addressed by District policies, by State Board administrative rules or by state law. Notwithstanding the credit requirements outlined in Section 5.1, under exceptional circumstances this council may permit a student who has satisfied the minimum credit requirements of [UTAH ADMIN. CODE R277-700-6](#), as amended, to graduate from a District high school without satisfying the District's normal credit requirement for that high school as set forth in Section 5.1. The council will meet as necessary to address issues as they arise.
- 5.7.2. Driver Education is offered outside the school day. A half (0.5) credit may be awarded for successful completion of the Driver Education course. See [Nebo School District Policy IGAJ, Driver Education](#).
- 5.7.3. If a student participates in a complete season of a UHSAA-sanctioned sport that aligns with course standards, the student may be awarded 0.5 of a PE credit for Participation Skills and Techniques or Individual Lifetime Activities. If the student completes an additional season with a different sport that aligns with course standards, the student may be awarded another 0.5 PE credit. A student may not be awarded more than one (1.0) credit on the high school transcript for participation on athletic teams. Athletic participation does not apply to Fitness for Life credit.
- 5.7.4. Students who complete a cosmetology program approved by the District CTE Coordinator may earn Career Technology Education credit or elective credit, but the credit may not be used to meet other credit requirements.
- 5.7.5. Students who successfully complete Utah National Guard summer camp training may be granted one (1.0) credit in physical education and two (2.0) elective credits.
- 5.7.6. Consistent with [UTAH ADMIN. CODE R277-700-6\(3\)](#), in recording credits in a student's transcript for grades 9-12 for purposes of high school graduation, the District shall recognize high school credits earned before grade 9. However, the District may not use high school courses to replace middle school educational requirements.
- 5.7.7. If a student refrains from participation in any portion of a course under [Nebo School District Policy IIA, Student Instruction and Materials](#), the school may require an alternate academic accommodation to allow the student to demonstrate mastery of core standards or an alternate standard, consistent with [UTAH ADMIN. CODE R277-700-7\(4\)](#).

6. ACADEMIC GRADES

- 6.1. Academic grading is a teacher responsibility and should reflect academic progress toward the mastery of the course curriculum. Teachers must honestly and accurately grade the work of each student based upon the standards and objectives established for the course. Academic grades must reflect the actual competency or academic growth of a student, and proficiency at the end of a term or unit should be the major consideration in determining a student's grade.

6.2. In secondary schools, letter grades are given by teachers to reflect mastery of the subject matter of a course. Credit is granted for letter grades A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, D- and for P (pass) grades.

6.2.1. Credit is not granted for F (fail), NG (no grade), or WF (withdraw failing) grades.

6.2.2. "P" grades and the resulting credit will not be counted when calculating grade point averages for the District; however, outside entities such as universities or the NCAA might assign a grade point to a "P" grade that alters the entity's interpretation of the GPA.

6.2.3. "NG" grades may be given if there is a valid extenuating reason why a student has not completed the course work required for a passing grade by the end of the grading period. "NG" grades may be made up and changed to another grade within one calendar year from the date the grade was issued if the student remains enrolled. A student who graduates or is otherwise no longer enrolled in the district may not make up an "NG" grade. "NG" grades that are not made up within one calendar year will be changed to "F" grades.

6.3. In calculating GPA (grade point average), the following scale will be used:

A	4.000	B	3.000	C	2.000	D	1.000
A-	3.667	B-	2.667	C-	1.667	D-	0.667
B+	3.333	C+	2.333	D+	1.333	F	0.000

6.4. Monitoring of academic growth is a critical step in the educational process. Student work will be corrected promptly, scores posted to the Student Information System (SIS) grading system, and work returned to students in a timely manner for each grading period and for each course in which a student is enrolled. Teachers and parents have a shared responsibility to monitor student progress. Parents and students may review student academic progress as well as attendance information by accessing SIS. Communication with the parent/guardian will be made when a student is doing D or F work, allowing an opportunity for improvement before the grading period ends.

6.5. Attendance and punctuality may be factors in grading only to the extent allowed by [Nebo School District Policy JDH, Student Attendance](#). Academic grades may be impacted by attendance and punctuality in participation-based classes, such as band, choir, orchestra, dance, physical education, etc. Certain academic-based classes may also be structured and taught in such a manner so that the academic grade may be impacted by attendance and punctuality. Before academic grades can be so impacted, the teacher must demonstrate a reasonable and justifiable relationship between attendance and punctuality and the impact on the academic grade and obtain written approval from the school principal. Upon receiving written approval, the teacher shall then provide written disclosure to students and parents that participation, attendance, and punctuality will be considered factors in assessing the student's grade. The specific percentage of the grade attributable to participation, attendance, and punctuality shall be specified in the written disclosure document. In addition, any negative impact on the student's grade as a result of lack of participation, absences, and tardies shall be specified in the written disclosure document.

6.6. Except as described in subsection 7.7, grades may not be changed for the sole purpose of allowing a student to become eligible for activities or for the sole purpose of earning a diploma.

6.7. Grades that have been posted for more than one (1) calendar year cannot be changed. All grade changes must be made by the teacher and approved by the school principal or his/her designee. Once issued, grades may be changed, during a one (1) year time limit from the date the grade was issued, for the following reasons at the teacher's discretion.

6.7.1. A calculation or other grading error on the part of the teacher was discovered.

6.7.2. Course work was satisfactorily completed following the issuance of an "F" or "NG" grade.

6.7.3. A student demonstrates competency within one (1) year from the date the grade was issued.

6.8. Academic grades shall not be withheld, reduced, increased, or otherwise affected by a student's citizenship grade or behavior. Punctuality of assignments and work completion may factor into an academic grade if the teacher provides prior written disclosure to students and parents consistent with this policy.

6.9. Course Grade Forgiveness

6.9.1. Consistent with [UTAH ADMIN. CODE R277-717](#), a student may, to improve a course grade received by the student:

6.9.1.1. repeat the course one or more times; or

6.9.1.2. enroll in and complete a comparable course.

6.9.2. A grade for an additional credit of a recurring course does not change a student's original course grade.

6.9.3. If a student repeats a course under paragraph 6.9.1.1, the school:

6.9.3.1. shall adjust, if necessary, the student's course grade and grade point average to reflect the student's highest grade and exclude a lower grade;

6.9.3.2. shall exclude from the student's permanent record the course grade that is not the highest grade; and

6.9.3.3. may not otherwise indicate on the student's current record that the student repeated the course.

6.9.4. Comparable Course

6.9.4.1. A student enrolling in a comparable course under paragraph 6.9.1.2 must first complete and submit the Comparable Course Form to inform the school of the student's intent to enroll in the course for the purpose of improving a course grade.

6.9.4.2. The school principal shall confirm, at the time the student enrolls in the comparable course, that the comparable course fulfills the same credit requirements as the course that the student intends to replace with the comparable course grade.

6.9.4.3. Upon completion of the comparable course, the school shall update the student's current record and grade point average to reflect the highest grade between the course and the comparable course and exclude the lower grade and corresponding course. The school may not otherwise indicate the course or comparable course for which the student did not receive the highest grade on the student's record.

6.9.5. The packet method may not be used for course grade forgiveness.

6.10. A grade may not be awarded by the District through the packet method except as described in subsection 5.6.

6.11. Dropout Prevention and Recovery Services

6.11.1. Schools shall provide remediation services for students in grades 7-12 who do not meet competency levels in a particular class. Students may be required to participate in remediation services before advancing to the next course in a subject sequence.

6.11.2. Schools shall provide dropout prevention and recovery services for students in grades 9-12 with low academic performance. Services may include the following:

- 6.11.2.1.** Engaging with the student;
- 6.11.2.2.** Developing a learning plan to identify barriers to regular school attendance and achievement, an attainment goal, and a means for achieving the attainment goal;
- 6.11.2.3.** Monitoring the student's progress toward reaching the attainment goal; and
- 6.11.2.4.** Providing tiered interventions for a student who is not making progress toward the student's attainment goal.

7. CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

- 7.1.** The District may offer a concurrent enrollment program to provide a challenging, college-level experience in high school and to provide transition courses that can be applied to postsecondary education.
- 7.2.** A concurrent enrollment program will comply with applicable state laws, including [UTAH ADMIN. CODE R277-701](#).
- 7.3.** A student participating in the concurrent enrollment program shall:
 - 7.3.1.** be enrolled in a Nebo School District high school and counted in average daily membership, as required by [UTAH CODE ANN. § 53E-10-301](#);
 - 7.3.2.** have a current Plan for College and Career Readiness (CCR Plan), as described in [Nebo School District Policy IKA, Elementary and Secondary Student Education Learning Plans](#), on file at the participating school, as required under [UTAH CODE ANN. § 53E-2-304](#);
 - 7.3.3.** have completed a concurrent enrollment participation form, including a parent permission form and acknowledgment of program participation requirements, as required under [UTAH CODE ANN. § 53E-10-304](#);
 - 7.3.4.** be enrolled in grade 9, 10, 11, or 12.
- 7.4.** Credit earned through a concurrent enrollment course:
 - 7.4.1.** has the same credit hour value as when taught on a college campus;
 - 7.4.2.** applies toward graduation on the same basis as a course taught at a USHE institution to which the credits are submitted;
 - 7.4.3.** generates higher education credit that becomes a part of a student's permanent college transcript;
 - 7.4.4.** generates high school credit that is consistent with the LEA policies for awarding credit for graduation; and
 - 7.4.5.** is transferable from one USHE institution to another.

8. CHARACTER EDUCATION AND CITIZENSHIP CREDIT

- 8.1.** In accordance with [UTAH CODE ANN. § 53G-10-204](#), students shall, through an integrated curriculum, be taught honesty, integrity, morality, civility, duty, honor, service and obedience to law. Students shall be taught respect for and an understanding of the founding documents of Utah and of the United States, including the Declaration of Independence and the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Utah, as well as others listed in [UTAH CODE ANN. § 53G-](#)

[10-302](#). Likewise, students shall be taught the essentials and benefits of the free enterprise system and other values enumerated in [UTAH CODE ANN. § 53G-10-204](#).

8.2. Students are expected to be good citizens inside and outside the classroom and are subject to evaluation by the administration and staff. Citizenship grades may be earned in each class in which the student is enrolled. Each student may also receive one citizenship grade from the administration for each grading period.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1: Utah State Credit and Curriculum Requirements (AdmAprv) (v2026-01)

REFERENCES

[UTAH CODE ANN. § 53E-2-304](#)
[UTAH CODE ANN. § 53E-3-401](#)
[UTAH CODE ANN. § 53E-4-205](#)
[UTAH CODE ANN. § 53E-10-301](#)
[UTAH CODE ANN. § 53E-10-304](#)
[UTAH CODE ANN. § 53G-9-803](#)
[UTAH CODE ANN. § 53G-10-204](#)
[UTAH CODE ANN. § 53G-10-302](#)
[UTAH CODE ANN. § 53G-10-402](#)
[UTAH CODE ANN. § 53G-10-405](#)
[UTAH ADMIN. CODE R277-700](#)
[UTAH ADMIN. CODE R277-701](#)
[UTAH ADMIN. CODE R277-702](#)
[UTAH ADMIN. CODE R277-705](#)
[UTAH ADMIN. CODE R277-717](#)
[UTAH ADMIN. CODE R277-722](#)
[Nebo School District Policy IGAA, *Nebo School District Secondary Citizenship Policy*](#)
[Nebo School District Policy IGADA, *Work-Based Learning Experiences for Students*](#)
[Nebo School District Policy IGAJ, *Drivers Education*](#)
[Nebo School District Policy IIA, *Student Instruction and Materials*](#)
[Nebo School District Policy IKA, *Elementary and Secondary Student Education Learning Plans*](#)
[Nebo School District Policy IKFA, *Graduation Ceremonies*](#)
[Nebo School District Policy JDH, *Student Attendance*](#)
[Nebo School District Policy JS, *Special Education*](#)

FORMS

[Comparable Course Form \(v2025-05\)](#)

HISTORY

Revised 14 January 2026 – revised PE requirements per changes to Utah Admin. Code; removed requirement for civics test per HB 381 (2025); added restrictions on use of packets per HB 191 (2025); added permission for Focused Graduation Pathway; made technical changes.

Committee Edit: 1 July 2025 – removed “regents eligibility” from Disclaimer section of Comparable Course Form.

Revised 11 September 2024 – updated per recent changes to R277-700, including provisions for recognizing high school credit earned before grade 9 and alternatives for earning credit when students refrain from participation; removed reference to Legacy Program; removed reference to citizenship credit; updated citations.

Revised 5 October 2022 – removed reference to “I” grades (incomplete) and replaced with “NG” (no grade); added clarification about “P” grades and potential effect on GPA.

Revised 8 December 2021 – clarified that credit from competency assessments is pass/fail; transcripts come from home high school; clarified time for making up an I grade.

Revised 8 September 2021 – updated consistent with SB 148 (2021); deleted limit of 2 pass/fail credits; added requirements for dropout prevention and remediation; made technical changes.

Revised 8 January 2020 – consolidated general core requirements into one section but separated by grade consistent with R277-700 updates; created section on diplomas and aligned with R277-705; updated reference to work-based learning; added section on concurrent enrollment (to replace former Policy ICE, which is repealed with adoption of these revisions); added provisions on course grade replacement consistent with R277-717; updated exhibit; created Comparable Course Form for requesting grade replacement; made technical changes.

Revised 14 December 2016 – clarified how punctuality may and may not impact academic grade.

Revised 9 November 2016 – moved credit requirements from R277-700 to an exhibit; updated high school credit requirements; added provisions for Legacy and Advanced Learning Center; removed provision for distinguished seal on high school diploma; removed provision for basic high school diploma; added permission for high school principals council to approve certain graduations; added requirement for civics test per SB60 (2015); made technical changes.

Revised 8 October 2014 – updated high school credit and core course requirements; clarified distinguished seal on diplomas; added provision for basic high school diploma; made technical changes.

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Nebo School District Policy IKF
Curriculum Standards and Graduation Requirements
Exhibit 1: Utah State Credit and Curriculum Requirements

Under [Nebo School District Policy IKF, Curriculum Standards and Graduation Requirements](#), the Superintendent is delegated authority to approve amendments and updates to the curriculum and credit requirements consistent with Utah law. This exhibit sets forth those requirements.

1. K-6 EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1.1. The core standards and a general core for elementary school students in grades K-6 are described in [UTAH ADMIN. CODE R277-700-4](#) and listed in this section.
- 1.2. The following are the elementary school education core subject requirements:
 - 1.2.1. English Language Arts;
 - 1.2.2. Mathematics;
 - 1.2.3. Science;
 - 1.2.4. Social Studies;
 - 1.2.5. Arts:
 - 1.2.5.1. Visual Arts,
 - 1.2.5.2. Music,
 - 1.2.5.3. Dance, or
 - 1.2.5.4. Theatre;
 - 1.2.6. Health Education;
 - 1.2.7. Physical Education;
 - 1.2.8. Educational Technology, including Keyboarding;
 - 1.2.9. Library Media skills, integrated into the core subject areas; and
 - 1.2.10. Civics and character education, integrated into the core subject areas.

2. GRADES 7-8 EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1. The core standards and a general core for students in grades 7-8 are described in [UTAH ADMIN. CODE R277-700-5](#) and listed in this section.
- 2.2. A student in grades 7-8 shall complete the courses described in subsection 2.3 to be properly prepared for instruction in grades 9-12.
- 2.3. The following are the grades 7-8 general core requirements:
 - 2.3.1. Grade 7 Language Arts (full year);
 - 2.3.2. Grade 8 Language Arts (full year);
 - 2.3.3. Grade 7 Mathematics (full year);
 - 2.3.4. Grade 8 Mathematics (full year);
 - 2.3.5. Grade 7 Integrated Science (full year);
 - 2.3.6. Grade 8 Integrated Science (full year);
 - 2.3.7. Grade 8 United States History (full year);
 - 2.3.8. Utah History (half year); and
 - 2.3.9. At least one course in each of the following in grades 7 or 8:
 - 2.3.9.1. Health Education (half year);
 - 2.3.9.2. College and Career Awareness (full year);
 - 2.3.9.3. Digital Literacy (half year);
 - 2.3.9.4. The Arts (half or full year); and
 - 2.3.9.5. Physical Education (half year).

3. GRADES 9-12 EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1. The general core and core standards for students in grades 9-12 are described in [UTAH ADMIN. CODE R277-700-6](#) and listed in this section.
- 3.2. A student in grades 9-12 shall earn a minimum of 24 credits through course completion or through competency assessment consistent with [UTAH ADMIN. CODE R277-705](#) to graduate.
- 3.3. The general core credit requirements from courses approved by the Utah State Board of Education are described below.

3.3.1. Language Arts (4.0 credits) from the following:

- 3.3.1.1.** Grade 9 level (1.0 credit);
- 3.3.1.2.** Grade 10 level (1.0 credit);
- 3.3.1.3.** Grade 11 level (1.0 credit); and
- 3.3.1.4.** Grade 12 level (1.0 credit) consisting of applied or advanced language arts credit from the list of courses approved by the Utah State Board of Education using the following criteria and consistent with the student's SEOP/Plan for College and Career Readiness:
 - 3.3.1.4.1.** Courses are within the field/discipline of language arts with a significant portion of instruction aligned to language arts content, principles, knowledge, and skills;
 - 3.3.1.4.2.** Courses provide instruction that leads to student understanding of the nature and disposition of language arts;
 - 3.3.1.4.3.** Courses apply the fundamental concepts and skills of language arts;
 - 3.3.1.4.4.** Courses provide developmentally appropriate content; and
 - 3.3.1.4.5.** Courses develop skills in reading, writing, listening, speaking, and presentation.
- 3.3.1.5.** A student may receive up to a half credit of the student's four required language arts credits for a course or school-sponsored activity emphasizing verbal communication during any year between grades 9 and 12.

3.3.2. Mathematics (3.0 credits) shall be met minimally through successful completion of a combination of the foundation or foundation honors courses, Secondary Mathematics I, Secondary Mathematics II, and Secondary Mathematics III.

- 3.3.2.1.** A student may opt out of Secondary Mathematics III if the student's parent submits a written request to the school.
- 3.3.2.2.** If a student's parent requests an opt out described in section 3.3.2.1, the student shall complete a third math credit from the mathematics list approved by the Utah State Board of Education.
- 3.3.2.3.** A 7th or 8th grade student may earn credit for a mathematics foundation course before 9th grade, consistent with the student's SEOP/Plan for College and Career Readiness if:
 - 3.3.2.3.1.** The student is identified as gifted in mathematics in accordance with the procedures outlined in Utah Admin. Code R277-707;
 - 3.3.2.3.2.** The student is dual enrolled at a middle school or junior high school and a high school;
 - 3.3.2.3.3.** The student qualifies for promotion one or two grade levels above the student's age group and is placed in 9th grade;
 - 3.3.2.3.4.** The student takes the USBE competency test in the summer before 9th grade and earns high school graduation credit for the courses.
- 3.3.2.4.** A student who successfully complete a mathematics foundation course before 9th grade shall earn 3.0 units of additional mathematics credit by:
 - 3.3.2.4.1.** Taking the other mathematics foundation courses described in section 3.3.2; and
 - 3.3.2.4.2.** An additional course from the USBE-approved mathematics list consistent with
 - 3.3.2.4.2.1.** The student's SEOP/Plan for College and Career Readiness and
 - 3.3.2.4.2.2.** The following criteria:
 - 3.3.2.4.2.2.1.** Courses are within the field/discipline of mathematics with a significant portion of instruction aligned to mathematics content, principles, knowledge, and skills;
 - 3.3.2.4.2.2.2.** Courses provide instruction that leads to student understanding of the nature and disposition of mathematics;

<p>3.3.2.4.2.2.3.</p> <p>3.3.2.4.2.2.4.</p> <p>3.3.2.4.2.2.5.</p>	<p>Courses apply the fundamental concepts and skills of mathematics;</p> <p>Courses provide developmentally appropriate content; and</p> <p>Courses include the Standards for Mathematical Practice as listed in the Utah secondary mathematics core.</p>
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3.3.2.5. A student who successfully completes a Calculus course with a “C” grade or higher has completed mathematics graduation requirements, regardless of the number of mathematics credits earned.

3.3.3. Science (3.0 credits) shall be met minimally through successful completion of:

3.3.3.1. Two credits from two of the following five science foundation areas:

<p>3.3.3.1.1. Earth Science (1.0 credit);</p> <p>3.3.3.1.2. Biological Science (1.0 credit);</p> <p>3.3.3.1.3. Chemistry (1.0 credit);</p> <p>3.3.3.1.4. Physics (1.0 credit);</p> <p>3.3.3.1.5. Computer Science (1.0 credit);</p>	<p>3.3.3.1.1.1. Earth Science;</p> <p>3.3.3.1.1.2. Advanced Placement Environmental Science; or</p> <p>3.3.3.1.1.3. International Baccalaureate Environmental Systems;</p> <p>3.3.3.1.2.1. Biology;</p> <p>3.3.3.1.2.2. Advanced Placement Environmental Science; or</p> <p>3.3.3.1.2.3. International Baccalaureate Environmental Systems; or</p> <p>3.3.3.1.2.4. Advanced Placement Biology; or</p> <p>3.3.3.1.2.5. International Baccalaureate Biology; or</p> <p>3.3.3.1.2.6. Biology with Lab Concurrent Enrollment;</p> <p>3.3.3.1.3.1. Chemistry;</p> <p>3.3.3.1.3.2. Advanced Placement Chemistry;</p> <p>3.3.3.1.3.3. International Baccalaureate Chemistry; or</p> <p>3.3.3.1.3.4. Chemistry with Lab Concurrent Enrollment;</p> <p>3.3.3.1.4.1. Physics;</p> <p>3.3.3.1.4.2. Advanced Placement Physics (1, 2, C: Electricity and Magnetism, or C: Mechanics);</p> <p>3.3.3.1.4.3. International Baccalaureate Physics; or</p> <p>3.3.3.1.4.4. Physics with Lab Concurrent Enrollment; or</p> <p>3.3.3.1.5.1. Advanced Placement Computer Science;</p> <p>3.3.3.1.5.2. Computer Science Principles; or</p> <p>3.3.3.1.5.3. Computer Programming II; and</p>
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3.3.3.2. One additional credit from:

<p>3.3.3.2.1. The foundation courses described in section 3.3.3.1; or</p> <p>3.3.3.2.2. The applied or advanced science list:</p>	<p>3.3.3.2.2.1. Determined by the District, and</p> <p>3.3.3.2.2.2. Approved by the USBE using the following criteria and consistent with the student's SEOP/Plan for College and Career Readiness:</p>
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<p>3.3.3.2.2.2.1.</p> <p>3.3.3.2.2.2.2.</p> <p>3.3.3.2.2.2.3.</p> <p>3.3.3.2.2.2.4.</p>	<p>Courses are within the field/discipline of science with a significant portion of instruction aligned to science content, principles, knowledge, and skills;</p> <p>Courses provide instruction that leads to student understanding of the nature and disposition of science;</p> <p>Courses apply the fundamental concepts and skills of science;</p> <p>Courses provide developmentally appropriate content;</p>
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3.3.3.2.2.5. Courses include the areas of physical, natural, or applied sciences; and

3.3.3.2.2.6. Courses develop students' skills in scientific inquiry.

3.3.4. Social Studies (3.0 credits, and beginning with incoming 9th grade students in the 2026–2027 school year, 3.5 credits) shall be met minimally through successful completion of:

3.3.4.1. 2.5 and beginning with incoming 9th grade students in the 2026–2027 school year 3.0 credits from the following courses:

3.3.4.1.1. World Geography (0.5 credits),

3.3.4.1.2. World History (0.5 credits),

3.3.4.1.3. U.S. History (1.0 credit), and

3.3.4.1.4. U.S. Government and Citizenship (0.5 credits),

3.3.4.1.5. Beginning with incoming 9th grade students in the 2026–2027 school year, American Constitutional Government and Citizenship (0.5 credits); and

3.3.4.2. Social Studies (0.5 elective credits at the district's discretion).

3.3.5. The Arts (1.5 credits from any of the following performance areas):

3.3.5.1. Visual arts,

3.3.5.2. Music,

3.3.5.3. Dance,

3.3.5.4. Theater, or

3.3.5.5. Media Arts.

3.3.6. Health Education (0.5 credits)

3.3.7. Physical Education (1.5 credits):

3.3.7.1. Participation Skills (0.5 credits),

3.3.7.2. Fitness for Life (0.5 credits), and

3.3.7.3. Individualized Lifetime Activities (0.5 credits).

3.3.7.4. Team sport/athletic participation (0.5 credits per sport for maximum of 1.0 credits) with school approval to replace participation skills and individualized lifetime activities requirements.

3.3.8. Career and Technical Education (1.0 credit from any of the following):

3.3.8.1. Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources;

3.3.8.2. Architecture and Construction;

3.3.8.3. Arts, Audio/Visual Technology and Communications;

3.3.8.4. Business, Finance and Marketing;

3.3.8.5. Computer Science and Information Technology;

3.3.8.6. Education and Training;

3.3.8.7. Engineering and Technology

3.3.8.8. Health Science;

3.3.8.9. Hospitality and Tourism;

3.3.8.10. Human Services;

3.3.8.11. Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security;

3.3.8.12. Manufacturing; or

3.3.8.13. Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics.

3.3.8.14. Digital Studies (0.5 credits)

3.3.8.15. Library Media Skills (integrated into the subject areas)

3.3.8.16. General Financial Literacy (0.5 credits)

3.3.8.17. Electives (5 credits)

3.3.8.18. Additional electives where necessary to reach the minimum required for the high school from which the student will graduate, as set forth by District policy.