



NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline the minimum core curriculum and high school graduation requirements for Nebo School District secondary schools.

2. COURSE STANDARDS

The State Board of Education establishes minimum course description standards and objectives for each course in the required general core curriculum. Course descriptions for other required and elective courses are developed cooperatively by local school districts and the Utah State Office of Education. 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.

3. CHARACTER EDUCATION

The teaching of positive character habits shall be incorporated into the curriculum at all appropriate levels. That instruction will include honesty, temperance, morality, courtesy, and obedience to law. Students shall be taught to value the rights and freedoms embodied in the founding documents, including the Declaration of Independence and the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Utah, and to assume the commensurate personal and societal responsibilities which assure the perpetuation of those freedoms. Students shall also be taught the essentials and benefits of the free enterprise system, respect for parents and home, and the dignity and necessity of honest labor and other skills, habits, and qualities of character which will promote an upright and desirable citizenry and better prepare students for a richer, happier life.

4. JUNIOR HIGH LEVEL REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1 Students in grades seven and eight should earn a minimum of 12 units of credit to be properly prepared for instruction in grades 9-12. Courses required in grades 7-8 are:

<u>Subject Areas</u>	<u>Units of Credit Required</u>
Language Arts	2.0
Mathematics	2.0
Science	1.5
Social Studies	1.5
Fine Arts	1.0
(May include visual arts, music, dance or theater)	
Physical Education	1.0
Health Education	.5
Career and Technical Education	1.0

- 4.2 State Board approved Criterion Referenced Tests (CRTs) shall be used to assess student mastery in reading, language arts, mathematics, science in grades 7 and 8, and effectiveness of written expression. State Board approved norm referenced tests shall be given to all students in grade 8.

5. HIGH SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1 The Board requires that students in grades 9-12 earn the following minimum credits for graduation:

Maple Mountain High School	26 credits
Payson High School	26 credits
Salem Hills High School	26 credits
Springville High School	26 credits
Spanish Fork High School	26 credits
Landmark High School	24 credits

- 5.2 The required credits include the following:

<u>Subject Areas</u>	<u>Units of Credit Required</u>
Language Arts	4.0
(Must include English 9, 10, and 11. The fourth credit may be any other language arts course or a level three foreign language course)	
Mathematics	3.0
(Must include Algebra 1 (or a combination of Algebra 1A and Algebra 1B), and Geometry (or a combination of Geometry A and Geometry B), and/or any advanced mathematics courses in sequence beyond those courses)	
Science	3.0
(Two of the three units of credit must come from the four science areas: either earth science, biological science, chemistry or physics. The third credit may come from the above areas or any elective science)	
Information Technology	0.5
(Must include Computer Technology)	
Social Studies	2.5
(Includes Geography for Life, World Civilizations, U.S. History, and U.S. Government and Citizenship)	
Fine Arts	1.5
(May include visual arts, music, dance, theater, media programs, or classes that include the principles and elements of design)	

Physical Education **1.5**
 (Includes Participation Skills, Fitness for Life, and one other optional physical education class. With school approval, a student may earn a maximum of .5 credit for participation on a school sponsored athletic team or other school organization which involves a significant amount of physical activity)

Health Education **.5**

Applied Technology Education **1.0**
 (May include courses from the areas of agriculture, business, family and consumer sciences, health science and technology, information technology, marketing, technology education, trade and technical education)

General Financial Literacy **.5**
 (This credit may also be earned by taking one year of Adult Roles and Financial Literacy)

Library Media Skills
 (Integrated into Subject Areas)

- 5.3** State Board approved Criterion Referenced Tests (CRTs) will be used to assess student mastery of the curriculum in reading, language arts, mathematics, and science. State Board approved norm referenced tests will be administered to all students in the eleventh grade. Nebo School District high school students shall also participate in the Utah Basic Skills Competency Test as required under State Board Rule R277-705.
- 5.4** In accordance with State Board Rule R277-705, Nebo School District offers differentiated diplomas to secondary school students and adults as follows:
- 5.4.1** a high school diploma indicating on the diploma that a student successfully completed all state and district course requirements for graduation and passed all subtests of the UBSCT.
 - 5.4.2** a high school diploma indicating on the diploma that a student did not receive a passing score on all UBSCT subtests. In order to receive this diploma, the student shall have:
 - 5.4.2.1** met all state and district course requirements for graduation; and
 - 5.4.2.2** participated in UBSCT remediation consistent with school district or school policies and opportunities and
 - 5.4.2.3** provided documentation of at least three attempts to take and pass all subtests of the UBSCT unless:
 - 5.4.2.3.1** the student took all subtests of the UBSCT offered while the student was enrolled in Utah schools; or
 - 5.4.2.3.2** a student's IEP team has determined that the student's participation in statewide assessment is through the Utah Alternative Assessment (UAA).
- 5.5** Nebo School District also offers a Certificate of Completion to students who have completed their senior year, are exiting the school system, and have not met all state and district requirements for a diploma.
- 5.6** Diplomas, Certificates of Completion, or unofficial transcripts may not be withheld from students for non-payment of school fees.
- 5.7** In order to participate in high school graduation exercises, students must meet the standards established by the Nebo School District Board of Education in Policy IKF (V). Students who have earned a high school Diploma may participate in graduation exercises as long as they are in good standing with the school/district.

6. TRANSFERS FROM NON-ACCREDITED PRIVATE SCHOOLS, FOREIGN SCHOOLS OR HOME SCHOOL

- 6.1** Students who enter Nebo District schools after transferring from a public or private non-accredited school, home school, or foreign school must meet the same requirements for graduation as outlined in this policy.
- 6.2** 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.

EXHIBITS

None

REFERENCES

Utah Code Ann., §53A-1-401(3)
Utah Code Ann., §53A-13-101
Utah Code Ann., §53A-13-102
Utah Code Ann., §53A-1-6-6(1)
Utah Code Ann., §53A-13-104
Utah Code Ann., §53A-13-109
Utah Code Ann., §53A-17a-120
Utah Administrative Code R277-700
Utah Administrative Code R277-702
Utah Administrative Code R277-705
Nebo District Policy #KLD, Parent/Patron Appeal of School Level Decision
Nebo District Policy #JDH, Secondary Attendance
Nebo District Policy #IKFA, Participation in Graduation Exercises

FORMS

None
