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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Board of Education for the South Harrison County R-II School District establishes the following graduation policy and instructs the administration to develop all necessary procedures for proper implementation.

Requirements

A student must meet the following requirements in order to graduate from the South Harrison County R-II School District, unless one (1) of the stated exceptions apply. The student must:

1. Complete a total of 25 credits in grades nine (9) and above, including credits required by the State Board of Education.
2. Pass proficiency exams concerning American History, American Institutions, and the Missouri and the United States Constitutions.
3. Successfully complete a course of instruction of at least one (1) semester in length on the institutions, branches and functions of the government of the state of Missouri, including local governments, the United States government and the electoral

process.

Exceptions

1. Graduation requirements and grading scales for a student with a disability receiving special education services pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) may be determined according to the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP).
2. Students transferring from another accredited Missouri school as a junior or senior who cannot reasonably complete the district's requirements may be permitted to graduate based on the successful completion of a program of studies that would have met the graduation requirements at the school formerly attended, including the requirements of (2) and (3) above.
3. Students who transfer from another state or country or an unaccredited private, public or home school and who are placed in the ninth grade will be required to meet all established graduation requirements. If such a student is placed in the tenth grade or higher, the district will work with the student and the parents to develop a program of studies that will result in graduation if successfully completed.

Earning Credit

1. The superintendent or designee is directed to assign credit values for courses offered by or through the school district and to develop formulas and procedures for awarding credit to transfer students who transfer from a district that uses a different standard for awarding credit.
2. The South Harrison County R-II School District recognizes units of credit obtained through correspondence courses or courses delivered primarily through electronic media (such as satellite video, cable video or computer-driven or online courses) as long as they are earned through the University of Missouri Center for Distance Learning or from a school accredited by the

North Central Association of Colleges and Schools or its equivalent regional accrediting agency.

3. The district will waive one (1) unit of academic credit in communication arts, math, science or social studies, whichever is most appropriate, for students who successfully complete an eligible three-unit career/technical program.

4. Students may earn credit by other means as approved by the Board and in accordance with law.

Diplomas

Students will be awarded either a diploma or certificate of attendance in accordance with this policy and as permitted by law.

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Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.

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South Harrison County R-II School District, Bethany, Missouri

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