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## REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION FOR CLASS OF 2010

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Counselors and teachers will work with each student to help plan a program appropriate to his/her interests and educational needs. In planning the program, it is important for the student, the parent(s) and the counselor to work cooperatively. It is the student's responsibility, with help from counselors, to make sure all graduation, college entrance and/or vocational requirements are being met. Students are urged to keep these three important questions in mind:

1. Am I meeting the requirements each trimester toward graduation, and also toward college entrance and/or a vocation?
2. Am I choosing courses most appropriate to my interests and abilities?
3. Am I choosing courses which will lead to the acquiring of a marketable skill for employment?

Seniors will not be able to participate in commencement exercises without earning 24.5 credits. A diploma will not be issued to a student who has been in attendance at Grand Haven High School less than one trimester during their senior year.

### Required Credits and Courses

Language Arts .....	4 credits required
	1.0 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade English credits
	1.5 elective English credits
	1.0 American Lit/ <i>Comp</i> credit
	OR
	1.0 Honors American Lit/ <i>Comp</i> . credit
	.5 credit in speech
Mathematics .....	2 credits required
Science.....	2 credits required
	1.0 physical science credit
	1.0 life science credit
Social Studies.....	3 credits required
	1.0 9th grade Civics & Geography or approved elective credit
	1.0 20th Century Amer. History credit
	.5 U.S. Government credit
	.5 elective credit
Physical Ed./Health .....	1.0 credit required
Computer Education (Grades 9-12) .....	.5 credit required
Freshman Success.....	.5 credit required
Electives	
Seniors.....	11.5 credits required

### **Seniors - 24.5 of 27 units of credit required for graduation. (Class of 2010)**

Exceptions to the above regulations may, in unusual circumstances, be considered by the principal and/or superintendent upon request from the student and his/her parents or guardian.

Credit - .5 credit is granted for the successful completion of one trimester of work in any course. 1.0 credit is granted for the successful completion of two trimesters.

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## REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION FOR CLASS OF 2011 & BEYOND

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### Required Credits and Courses

English/Language Arts ..... 4 credits required  
1.0 (9th) 9th Grade English  
1.0 (10th) American Lit/Comp. or Honors American Lit/Comp.  
1.0 (11th) World Lit., Honors World Lit, AP Language or  
1.0 (12th) AP Literature  
OR  
(12th) Elective (Steps in Comp. & Grammar recommended  
if not successful on ACT English)

Social Studies..... 3 credits required  
1.0 (9th) World History with Geography  
1.0 (10th) U.S. History with Geography  
.5 (11th) Civics/U.S. Government  
.5 (11th) Economics

Science..... 3 credits required  
1.0 (9th) Earth Science or Honors Earth Science  
1.0 (10th) Biology or Honors Biology  
1.0 (11th) Chemistry or Honors Chemistry OR Physics or Honors Physics

Mathematics ..... 4 credits required  
1.0 Algebra I  
1.0 Geometry  
1.0 Algebra II  
1.0 Additional Math credit  
(1 credit must be in senior year)

Physical Ed/Health ..... 1 credit required

Course must include content on both Health and Physical Education  
This requirement may be replaced by an additional language arts, world language, math, or science course.

Visual/Performing or Applied Art ..... 1 credit required

Credit may be earned in any one category of arts  
This requirement may be replaced by an additional language arts, world language, math, or science course.

On-line learning experience

Experience may be an on-line course, on-line learning experience or integrated on-line learning.

This requirement may be replaced by an additional language arts, world language, math, or science course.

### Electives

Juniors..... 12.5 credits required  
Sophomores & Freshmen ..... 14 credits required

**Juniors - 26 of 28.5 units of credit required for graduation. (Class of 2011)**  
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