

GENERAL INFORMATION

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION – beginning the fall 2005

Board Policy 503.11

Satisfactory school citizenship and twenty six (26) units in grades nine through twelve, including passing work in physical education in grades nine through twelve, are required for graduation from the Davenport High Schools.

Basic requirements within the twenty six units (26) to be completed in grades nine through twelve are:

- Language Arts: Four units (8 terms)
- Mathematics: Three units (6 terms)
- Science: Three units (6 terms)
- Social Studies: Three units (6 terms)
- Physical Education: Two units (4 terms) Includes Lifetime Fitness Education*
- Computer Technology Course

Additional requirements:

- Maintain a full schedule through the third year
- Retake a failed class in summer school
- All Physical Education courses will be assigned .5 units for each student who earns a passing grade within the Physical Education curriculum.
- The new graduation requirements will be fully implemented with the students who were in eighth grade during the 2004-2005 school year. It is intended that these students, as seniors would realize the full intent of the new graduation requirements. Credit for Physical Education will be phased in. The class of 2007 will need 21.0 units to graduate, and the class of 2008 will need 21.5 units to graduate.
- On-line AP courses will count toward the elective credit of the graduation requirement as long as the course supplements what we currently offer and does not supplant our curriculum.

Non-traditional graduations are addressed in Board Policy #503.14--Non-Traditional Graduation and include guidelines for mid-term and summer graduations, home instruction graduation, and accelerated graduation.

Based on these adopted requirements, the administration shall identify goals, objectives, and procedures in each subject area as well as the methods or means for evaluation. The Board approves all basic instructional materials used in each area in fulfilling the above requirements. In all cases, the administration is responsible for ensuring that graduation requirements meet or exceed all minimum requirements established by the Code of Iowa and the Iowa Department of Education.

*(The Lifetime Fitness Education course contains a health component.)

- Cross References: Board Policies #503.14 Non-Traditional Graduation
- Legal References: Chapter 12 (Iowa Administrative Code, Rules of Iowa, 281-12.5(256) Educational Programs
- By action of the Board: 11/8/76; Revised 7/11/83, 11/12/90; Revised 6/10/96; Revised 12/8/97; Revised 1/08/01; Revised 10/11/04; Revised 12/20/04; Revised 8/14/06
- Edited 8/06

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Students transferring to a Davenport high school must meet the graduation requirements as defined by the Board of Education of the Davenport Community School District. The enrollment and placement of transfer students is tentative pending the receipt and evaluation of official transcripts.

STUDENT RECORDS ACCESS

The Davenport Community School District maintains records on each student in order to facilitate the instruction, guidance and educational progress of the student. The records contain information about the student and his/her education and may include but are not limited to the following types of records: Identification data, attendance data, record of achievement test results, educational and vocational plans, honors and activities, discipline reports, objective counselor or teacher observations, and external agency reports.

Student records are periodically reviewed and inappropriate material is removed. At a minimum this occurs whenever a student moves from one building to another and when a student transfers out of the district. Those records not of permanent importance are destroyed within five years of graduation or discontinued attendance. The parents of handicapped students or handicapped students over age 18, will be informed when personally identifiable information in the records is no longer needed to provide educational services, and before the information is destroyed.

Copy of Student Records Policy and Procedures: A copy of the procedures to be followed in exercising any of the rights under school policies, or rules pertaining to student records may be obtained from building principals or the district office of pupil records. The office of pupil records will assist those who have a primary or home language other than English by making available a copy or an interpretation of the policy and procedures in their native language.

Location of Records: The records of each student are generally located in the school which the student is attending. Any exception will be known by the person in charge of record maintenance in the building. Contact the building principal or the district office of pupil records for the name and position of the person responsible for the student records in each building.

Right to Inspect and Review Records: Parents of students under age 18 and students over age 18 (eligible student) may exercise the opportunity to review educational records of the student. Copies of student records will be made available to parents and eligible students at no cost. Requests from parents or eligible students to view student records will be honored without unnecessary delay and in no instance more than 45 days after the request is made.