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Commencement Ceremony

The district shall conduct a commencement ceremony for members of the senior class at the end of the school year. Participation in the ceremony is a privilege, not a right, and the superintendent or his/her designee may prohibit students who have violated conduct rules from participating in the ceremony as a consequence for the misconduct.

Only those students who have completed all graduation requirements (i.e., completed the required coursework or achieved the goals set in the student's individual education plan) will be allowed to participate in commencement exercises.

Students who graduate from the School District of Seward must accumulate 235 hours. The total graduation requirements must include the following core curriculum:

Language Arts - - 45 hours

Language Arts and English Classes – 40 hours

Speech – 5 hours

Science - - 20 hours (**30 hours starting with the class of 2015**)

Mathematics - - 30 hours

Technology - - 5 hours

Vocational - - 5 hours

Social Science - - 35 hours

Physical Education - - 15 hours

Fine Arts or Foreign Language - - 5 hours

Personal Finance – 5 hours

Volunteer Service – 30 clock hours

The student handbook and registration book will list the core classes and the elective classes that are available.

Early Graduation Plan

The School District of Seward supports the concept of early completion which is their senior year midterm or in some cases alternative high school as a means of accelerating students toward the achievement of lifetime plans. The following guidelines have been established for students to be eligible for early completion:

1. Students must meet all completion requirements established by the Board of Education in order to be eligible for early graduation as well as the credit hour requirements in each specific subject matter area.
2. A student who decides to opt for early graduation or completion is not eligible to participate in school sponsored activities following the last day he/she attends classes. The effective date for participation will end with the last day that the student is enrolled in classes. The only school activities that the applicant is eligible for will be the honors night, regularly scheduled graduation ceremony and the jr/sr prom.
3. This policy shall be evaluated annually by the high school principal and appropriate revisions shall be recommended to the Board for its consideration.

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