

6005 Academic Credits and Graduation

Graduation Requirements The following are minimum requirements for graduation from Freeman Senior High School as set by the Board of Education (in accordance with the Nebraska State Board of Education). The student class load shall be a minimum of 60 semester hours per year unless special permission is granted by the administration. The regular course load is seven to eight subjects per day. The student needs 240 Semester Hours of credit and eight semesters of attendance.

240 Semester Hours of Credit - 200 Semester hours must be academic. Of the 165 semester hours of required courses, a student must have earned the following hours in the following subjects in grades 9-12. English - 45 Semester Hours (including 5 semester hours in speech) Social Studies - 30 Semester Hours (World Cultures, Am. Hist., & Am. Govt. required) Mathematics - 30 Semester Hours Science - 30 Semester Hours (Earth Science & Biology required) Practical Arts - 5 Semester Hours (Business, Agriculture) Fine Arts - 10 Semester Hours (Art, Instrumental Music, Vocal Music) Physical Education - 10 Semester Hours Economics 5 Semester Hours Career Readiness 5 Semester Hours Technology Education 5 Semester Hours TOTAL = 175 Required Hours + 65 Elective Hours 240 Graduation Requirement Hours

The Freeman Public Schools has adopted the semester plan of giving credit. A semester hour of credit means credit given for one class period of instruction per week for a semester for which there is previous preparation. Therefore, a class meeting five days per week for a semester carries five semester hours of credit. The senior student with the highest four-year scholastic grade point average (GPA) shall be declared the class valedictorian; the student with the next highest GPA will be declared the salutatorian. Both the valedictorian and the salutatorian must have attended Freeman High School for their entire junior and senior year and must have attended an accredited public, private, denominational, or parochial school for a period of eight semesters. Any deviation from this requirement must be approved by the superintendent of schools. Students who complete the requirements for graduation and hold an accumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.75 or above shall be considered to have graduated "With Honors." Senior speakers at the Commencement Ceremonies shall be selected from all students who graduate "With Honors." Students will audition with partial speeches to a committee including the principal, class sponsor, and a group of teachers. The satisfactory completion of disciplinary action, payment of fees, payment of school lunches, etc. are part of further graduation requirements.

Transfer student's incoming credits will be reviewed by the counselor and administration and graduation requirements will be determined at that time. Board of Education policy prohibits any student not meeting graduation requirements from participating in graduation exercises. Students wishing to apply for early graduation must make application to the principal before seeking permission to graduate early from the board of education. (Refer to Bd. Policy 5215.3) Students will present evidence of 10 hours of

volunteer service hours during each year of attendance at Freeman High School prior to receiving their diploma. Students may complete any and all hours ahead of schedule but will not be allowed to fall behind in their service hour pace. Completed volunteer service documentation forms may be turned in to the counselor's office.

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