

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS - MICHIGAN MERIT CURRICULUM

Normally, a student will complete graduation requirements in four (4) years. To receive a diploma and graduate, a student will need to meet the school requirements for basic course work, and earn the total number of minimum credits. A personal curriculum can be requested by a student or family, if applicable. No student may receive credit for a Math or Science course unless they have passed every unit test in the semester. Students will have the opportunity for multiple attempts with intervention support to pass a unit test that has been failed.

For the 2017-2018 school years, Kalkaska High School has changed the number of class hours from seven (70 to six (6). Accordingly, there has been a change in the number of graduation credits required. It is as follows:

- Class of 2018 – 24 credits
- Class of 2019 – 24 credits
- Class of 2020 – 24 credits
- Class of 2021 – 24 credits
- Class of 2022 and beyond – 24 credits

Reference 5460

Specific course requirements are:

Content Area	Credits	Classes Required
English/Language Arts	4.0	English I, II, III, and IV
Health	0.5	Healthful Living
Physical Education	0.5	Physical Education, Physical Conditioning
Mathematics	4.0	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and a Senior Math Class
Science	3.0	Earth Science, Biology , Chemistry or Physics
Social Studies	3.0	Civics/Economics, American History, World History
Arts	1.0	Visual, Performing, Applied Arts
*Foreign Language	2.0	Spanish I,II,III (KHS) and French I & II (KAP)
Electives	4.0-6.0	Astronomy, Current Events, Drama, Cinema Studies, Novels, Etc.
Total	22 - 24	

Students may see their counselor for available substitutions through the Career Tech Center and personal curriculum. *As a substitute for a student's second year requirement of a Foreign Language a student may take a second credit of Visual or Performing Arts.

Students at Kalkaska High School may request a 0.5 physical education credit after the completion of active participation in MHSAA sponsored sports, at Kalkaska High School, for two (2) different extracurricular teams each year for two (2) years. Students may also request a 0.5 physical

education credit after the completion of marching band at Kalkaska High School for one (1) semester each year for (2) years. This sports and marching band participation must be completed by the end of the student's junior year. Students must submit, to a Kalkaska High School counselor, a completed "Request for Physical Education Waiver" form by May 1 of their junior year to be eligible for this credit.

Recognition of credits or course-work shall be granted when the proper assurance and the student's transcript has been received, and at the discretion of the administrator. Credits will be prorated to coincide with Kalkaska requirements.

To be eligible for Kalkaska High School Top Ten academic ranking, a student must have completed their last six (6) credits at KHS. The class valedictorian will be selected based on the highest cumulative G.P.A. Starting with the class of 2020, this will be based on a weighted GPA for Honors and Advanced Placement classes. In case of a tie, all such students will be considered as co-valedictorians.

Students must earn credits to be declared a specific level student, according to the guidelines below:

- Sophomore = 6 credits
- Junior = 12 credits
- Senior = 18 credits