

StudentsGraduation - Regular Diplomas

Traditional Diploma

To participate in commencement exercises or receive a traditional Holdrege Public Schools diploma, a student must fully complete all requirements for graduation prior to the official commencement exercises, and complete other administrative requirements or conditions. Students who graduate from Holdrege High School and receive a traditional diploma must accumulate 220 hours. Beginning with the class of 2007, students who graduate from Holdrege High School must accumulate 230 hours. The total graduation requirements must include the following core curriculum:

Language Arts 4 years of English 1 semester of Speech	45 hours
Science	20 hours
Mathematics	30 hours beginning with the class of 2010
Information Technology (Computer Applications)	5 hours beginning with Class of 2006
Social Science 1 year of American History 1 year of American Government	30 hours beginning with Class of 2007
Physical Education	15 hours

Performance Based Diploma

To participate in commencement exercises or receive a performance based Holdrege Public Schools diploma, a student must fully complete all requirements for graduation prior to the official commencement exercises, and complete other administrative requirements or conditions. Students who graduate from Holdrege High School and receive a performance based diploma must accumulate 200 hours of which at least 80 percent shall be from the core curriculum.

Language Arts	40 Hours
Science	20 Hours
Mathematics	30 Hours
Social Science	30 Hours
Physical Education	10 Hours
Vocational/Work study	10 Hours
*GED or other approved adult education program	50 Hours

*GED hours may be counted as elective or core curriculum hours.

If a student leaves Holdrege Public Schools as a dropout, enrolls in an adult education program, and Holdrege Public Schools monitors the student's enrollment, the student may receive a performance based diploma upon successful completion of the GED or other approved adult education program. Holdrege Public Schools will report the student as a dropout if the student drops out of the adult program.

Students who are eligible to receive a performance based high school diploma from Holdrege High School are:

1. Students who drop out of Holdrege High School during the school year but who obtain a GED completion credential and have earned 150 additional high school or home school credit hours.
2. Students in grades nine through twelve who accumulate at least 200 credit hours from high school credit hours and/or home-school credit hours, of which at least 80 percent shall be from the core curriculum.

Home School Credit for Traditional and Performance Based Diploma

Home school credit hours will be awarded through completion of a standardized individualized achievement test. The home school student must obtain a minimum standard score of 85 in each subject area of math, reading and written language in order to receive credit. Credits will be awarded according to achievement test results in each core area. The maximum number of credit hours awarded to a student entering as a sophomore is 60 (20 credits math, 20 credits reading, 20 credits written language), and as a junior/senior is 90 (30 credits math, 30 credits reading, 30 credits written language). The most credits a home school student could receive is 90 credits. Home school students who have been verified as special education students will be awarded credit hours on an individual basis through the IEP team. Additional placement tests may be required.

Ref: Title 92 Chapter 10 Section 003.05

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