

# Policy 5128: Graduation Requirements

To receive a diploma from Cozad Community Schools a student must have passing grades in classes totaling 240 credit hours in grades 9 through 12. Included in the 240 credit hours, a student must have completed and passed the following specified areas:

**English:** 8 semesters and at least 40 credit hours

**Science:** 30 credit hours

**Math:** 30 credit hours

**Social Studies:** 35 credit hours

**Physical Education:** 5 credit hours

**Health:** 5 credit hours

Students must be in attendance eight semesters in grades 9 through 12 and receive credit in all classes taken their final semester in attendance.

For a student with an Individualized Educational Plan the IEP goals must be successfully completed to meet graduation requirements.

In order to advance from one grade level to the next a student must pass at least one-half or more of the credit hours attempted. Special permission must be given by the Principal and Superintendent to waive this requirement. All credits earned outside the Cozad Community Schools must be granted by secondary and/or post-secondary schools, which are fully accredited and/or approved by the Board of Education. Any other variations from the above requirements must be approved by the Board of Education and recommended by the principal. If a student misses more than 10% of the time, in order to receive credit they must have a medical doctor's statement declaring major accident or illness.

The student's grade status at the beginning of the fall semester will be considered their grade status for the entire school year. The exception to this would be if a student beginning the year as a junior who reaches 205 credits by the end of the fall semester, would then be considered a senior with the intent of graduating at the end of the spring semester. This may apply to students attending Alternative Education Program

Although electives are counted in computing total credit hours, students would not be required to repeat an elective class, which was failed. However, if a student failed Art 1, Chorus 8, Family Consumer Science 7 or 8, he/she could be prevented from taking the next sequential course, i.e. Art II, Chorus 9, Industrial Arts 9 and Family Consumer Science-9. It is recommended that students repeat topical courses rather than sequential courses. Students may be required to repeat one or both semesters of a class if they fail. Students will eliminate electives to repeat required classes. If a seventh grade student fails two classes and then has only one elective choice in the eighth grade, a conference with the teacher, counselor, and principal would be required to determine which class the student would benefit from most by repeating. This would also apply to similar situations in the eighth grade.