

AMERY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION POLICY

The philosophy of the School District of Amery is for all students to achieve optimal learning based on high expectations and considerations of their abilities and needs. The Board recognizes that students have diverse capabilities and interests as well as individual patterns of growth and learning. Therefore, the Board believes it is important that teachers have as much accurate knowledge of each student as is possible. Various sources should be used when making academic decisions, including tests, observations of student achievement, work habits, skills, health and students' educational environment.

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

A student at Amery High School needs 28 credits to graduate. The Amery Board of Education has set the total numbers of credits and specific class requirements for graduation as the following:

Specific Credit Requirements:

- 4 credits of English
- 4 credits of Social Science 3 credits of Mathematics 3 credits of Science
- 1.5 credits of Physical Education
- 0.5 credits of Health
- 0.5 credits of Personal Finance
- 0.5 credits of Careers

Additional criteria listed below may be used in making graduation decisions:

- By successfully completing the Goals and Objectives on the Individual Education Plan (IEP) and/or 504 Plan.
- By successfully completing an alternative school program consisting of 28 credits and passing all tests in order to receive a High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED).

The School District of Amery recognizes that graduation is reserved as the time and place to publicly declare that members of the Amery High School senior class have met the necessary academic requirements to graduate. Yet, the district also asserts that there is a place reserved in the graduation ceremony to acknowledge members of the senior class who are foreign exchange students. Foreign exchange students have not been students at Amery High School for the entirety of their academic career, and, therefore, have not met the necessary graduation requirements. Though, foreign exchange students are allowed to participate in graduation in recognition of the symbolic place that the graduation ceremony holds as the end of an academic career at Amery High School.

Foreign exchange students may participate in the graduation ceremony if they are a member of the senior class. Foreign exchange students will not receive an Amery High School diploma. In addition, foreign exchange students will not be included in class rankings established by grade point average and will not be eligible for honors status at the graduation ceremony.

The District Administrator shall be responsible for the general supervision and management of the graduation policy. The District Administrator or, if assigned the responsibility by the District Administrator, the High School Principal shall determine whether a student has satisfied the criteria in this policy.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 118.153, 118.33, (1)(f)1, 121.02(1)(p) Wisconsin Statutes
PI 18, Wisconsin Administrative Code

CROSS REF.: 342.5, Homebound Instruction
345.51, Graduation Requirement Waiver
353, Foreign Exchange Programs

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