

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA STATEMENT

No. 11a

MEETING OF: May 22, 2024

Reviewed By:

Item Title: **PUBLIC HEARING- POLICY**
Motion to approve revisions to BP 6143.10
High School Graduation Requirements, in first
reading

Curriculum Committee
 School Board Policy Committee

SUBMITTED BY School Board Policy Committee

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL

Michael Robbins, Superintendent, 907 247 21090

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Social Studies Curriculum Review Committee met on January 19th, 2024, and requested the proposed revisions to BP 6146.10 High School Graduation requirements. Committee members completed their review work April 4th, 2024.

ISSUE/BACKGROUND:

Board Bylaw 9300 states that "The formulation and adoption of written Board policies shall constitute the basic method by which the Board shall govern the school district." Board Policy 0500 and Board Bylaw 9311 both address the ongoing review of district policies and programs by the School Board. The proposed revisions are in line with AASB suggested policy updates.

ATTACHMENTS:

BP 6146.10 (with revisions)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

"I move that the Board of Education approve revisions to Board Policy 6143.10 High School Graduation Requirements, in first reading."

High School Graduation Requirements BP 6146.1

The Superintendent or designee shall prepare for Board approval a plan consisting of district graduation requirements. Students shall receive diplomas of graduation from high school only after meeting the following district graduation requirements.

Graduation Requirements - Effective Date, Graduating Class of ~~2021~~2026

Graduation course requirements for a high school diploma are as follows:

English-Language Arts	4 credits
Social Studies *	3 credits
Math	3 credits
Science	3 credits
Health	.5 credits
Physical Education	.5 credits
Electives	7 credits
Career Technical Education	1 credit
and/or Fine Arts	
TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION	22 credits

Additional requirements include 100 hours or work experience or community service and completion of the State of Alaska Job Application.

** Note: The three units of credit in social studies must include one-half unit of credit in Alaska history or demonstration that the student meets the Alaska history performance*

standards. This requirement will not apply to a student who (1) transfers into high school after the student's second year of high school; or (2) has already successfully completed a high school state history course in another state, 4 AAC -6.075. The three units in social studies must also include one unit of credit of ~~American Government~~ U.S. History and one-half unit of credit in American Government/Civics.

Students in the Class of 2026 may apply to the Superintendent or Superintendent's Designee to waive the US History requirement due to extenuating circumstances, with the Superintendent or Designee making a determination based on the student's unique circumstances and academic goals. If such a waiver is granted, a student must still fulfill the requirement of 3 credits of social studies and other required coursework.

(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance and Counseling Services)

(cf. 6184 - Virtual/Online Courses)

Legal Reference:

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

4 AAC 06.075 High school graduation requirements

4 AAC 06.721 College and career readiness assessment waivers

4 AAC 06.755-790 Statewide assessment program for students with disabilities

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Revision Date: 1/11/23