

# ACADEMICS

## REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

The following subjects and the number of units in each must be completed to qualify for graduation from a classified high school in the state of Missouri. These requirements have been adopted by the local Board of Education.

<u>Effective through class of 2009</u>	<u>Effective Beginning with class of 2010</u>
Comm Arts                      4 units	Comm Arts                      4 units
Math                              3 units	Math                              3 units
Social Studies                3 units	Social Studies                3 units
Science                         3 units	Science                         3 units
Practical Arts                2 units	Practical Arts                2 units
Fine Arts                        2 units	Fine Arts                        2 units
Physical Education          1 unit	Physical Education          1 unit
Health                          .5 unit	Health                          .5 unit
Electives <u>11.5 units</u>	Electives                      11 units
	Personal Finance <u>.5 unit</u>
<b>Needed for Graduation</b> 30 units	<b>Needed for Graduation</b> 30 units

8 semesters are required for graduation. The eighth semester must be completed at Braymer C-4. (Exception: Students who attend the Grand River Area Vocational Technical School will be required to obtain 1 credit less due to travel time to and from the vocational technical school.)

Each student must have passed an examination on the United States Constitution & Missouri Constitution to graduate. (RSMo 170.011)

### WEIGHTED CLASS LIST

Psychology/Sociology	Algebra II	Physics
Spanish II	College Algebra	Chemistry
Economics/Political Science	Trig – Math Analysis	Zoology
Anatomy & Physiology	College English	Western Civilization

+2 points for grades C- or better on 11-point scale.

## 7th and 8th GRADE ADVANCEMENT

A student has the opportunity to earn a total of 8 units of credit during the school year (4 per semester). To be promoted to the next grade level, a student must earn a minimum of 7 units. Student must earn 3.5 of those units in their core courses of language arts, math, science, and social studies. Units may be earned by passing the following courses:

Courses are listed in Yearly Units

CORE COURSES	REQUIRED COURSES	ELECTIVE COURSES
Math – 1 unit	Health – ½ unit ♦	Band – 1 unit •
Science – 1 unit	Physical Education – ½ unit ♦	Exploratory – 1 unit •
Social Studies – 1 unit	Art – 1/3 unit ♠	
Language Arts – 1 unit	Music – 1/3 unit or 2/3 unit ♠	
	Current Events – 1/3 unit ♠	
	AG – ½ unit ♥	
	FACS – ½ unit ♥ *Personal Finance	

Students who do not earn 7 units (3.5 being from core classes) during the school year will be retained.

- ♦ These courses are taken together. PE is 3 or 4 days a week and Health is 1 or 2 days a week.
- ♠ These courses are 1/3 unit classes. They will switch every 12 weeks. Music can be 1/3 unit if music theory and 2/3 unit if choir.
- ♥ These courses are taken for a semester. One class will be taken 1<sup>st</sup> semester and the other 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.
- These courses are by choice. The student takes one or the other course not both.

### GRADING SCALE FOR HIGH SCHOOL

96-100 -- A	8-89 -- B+	78-79 -- C+	68-69 -- D+
90-95 -- A-	82-87 -- B	72-77 -- C	62-67 -- D
	80-81 -- B-	70-71 -- C-	60-61 -- D-
			59-0 -- F

## HONOR ROLLS

### **Honor Roll With Distinction –**

- To qualify for this award a student must earn all A's on his or her grade card.

### **A Honor Roll –**

- To qualify for this award a student may have one B and all other grades must at least be an A-

### **B Honor Roll –**

- To qualify for this award a student may have one C and all other grades must be at least a B-.

## SEMESTER FINAL TESTS

Each teacher will give a cumulative test at the end of each semester. The test will count for no more than 20% of the student's semester grade. Students may be exempt from semester exams if they meet 3 out of 4 of the following criteria. This will be on an individual class basis:

- 1) Absent 4 days or less per semester
- 2) No more than 1 tardy per class
- 3) No discipline referrals for the class
- 4) Has a grade of a B- or above in the class

*\*\*\*If the student has a D or F for the class they will be required to take the semester exam even if they meet the other 3 requirements.*

*\*\*\*Non-test taking students will have an outside activity to participate in during the semester exam. They will not be in the classroom with the students who are taking the semester exam.*

## REPORTS TO PARENTS

1. Grade cards will be issued each quarter. Grade cards will not be issued to a student who owes fees assessed that quarter.
2. Mid-term reports will be issued at the end of each mid-quarter.
3. Parent-teacher conferences are conducted twice a year (end of 1<sup>st</sup> & mid-term of 3rd quarter).
4. A student with an incomplete grade will not be considered for the honor rolls.
5. If parents have any questions about the grades, the teacher will be glad to confer with them. Prior notice or appointment is encouraged.

## JOURNAL WRITING POLICY

Journal writing is an approved instructional activity in various Braymer C-4 curriculum guides. Because it is an accepted part of the curriculum in these classes, parameters following board policies are mandatory and journals are not considered private. The administration and/or parents may request to see and evaluate the appropriateness of the journals just as they may request any educational measure of student progress, which is a part of the curriculum.

## GIFTED PROGRAM

Student referrals for the gifted program shall be submitted to the building counselor.