

# GRADUATION STANDARDS

Graduation from a Nampa School District high school for students who enter high school at the 9th grade level in the Fall of 2009 or later requires the following:

## 1. Credit Requirements.

All students will demonstrate achievement in the required and elective subjects by earning a minimum of 51 semester credits. Those credits will be in:

- a. **Language Arts and Communication**.....**9 credits**  
Includes eight (8) credits (4 years) of instruction in English (language study, composition, and literature) and one (1) credit in speech or debate (oral communication and technological applications).
- b. **Mathematics** .....**6 credits**  
Includes two (2) semester credits of Algebra I or two (2) credits of a course that meet Algebra I standards, two (2) semester credits of Geometry or two (2) credits that meet Geometry standards, and two (2) semester credits of mathematics of the students' choice. Two (2) of these credits must be taken in the last year of high school.
- c. **Science**.....**6 credits**  
Includes two (2) credits of Physical Science, two (2) credits of biology, and two (2) credits of other science courses. All credits are lab-based.
- d. **Social Studies** .....**7 credits**  
Includes four (4) credits of U.S. History to be taken in the freshman and sophomore years, two (2) credits of American Government to be taken in the final year of high school, and one (1) credit of Economics. Building level administration may substitute up to two (2) social studies credits for those students entering the Nampa School District after their sophomore year.
- e. **Humanities** .....**2 credits**  
Includes courses in interdisciplinary humanities, visual and performing arts, or foreign language.
- f. **Technology** .....**3 credits**  
Includes two (2) credits in Communications Technology and one (1) other credit.
- g. **Health/Wellness** .....**2 credits**  
Includes one (1) credit of Health and one (1) credit of Physical Education.
- h. **Electives**.....**16 credits**