

<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT OF GREEN LAKE POLICY</b>	<b>345.6-Graduation Requirements</b>
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**345.6 – Graduation Requirements**

The Green Lake School District awards high school diplomas to recognize those students who have met specific academic requirements of the District. In order to graduate from high school and to receive a diploma, a student must meet the following requirements:

1. Successfully completed a minimum of 26 course credits for graduation, including:

<b>Grad Years prior to 2017</b>	<b>Grad Years Including 2017 and After</b>
4 credits of English	4 credits of English
4 credits of Social Studies	3 credits of Social Studies
2 credits of Math	3 credits of Math
2 credits of Science	3 Credits of Science
1 ½ credit of Physical Education	1 ½ credit of Physical Education
½ credit of Health (grades 7-12)	½ credit of Health (grades 7-12)

2. Demonstrate completion of a CPR/AED/First Aid course with current certification.
3. Has been enrolled in a Board-approved activity, or alternative education program, for each class period of each school day.
4. Accommodation/Waivers to the credit requirements may be made for students with special education needs or with other documented disabilities. Accommodations/Waivers must be outlined in the student's Individual Education Plan.
5. Students with IEPs who have completed all academic requirements for high school graduation, but who have not yet completed their transition-related IEP goals may be eligible for social graduation. This is an opportunity for students to participate with their same-aged peers in graduation activities while planning to continue their high school program until IEP transition goals are met.

The administrators and staff shall provide for a regular review of a student's progress toward meeting the established diploma criteria and shall keep students and their parents/guardians informed of the student's progress.

**Early Graduation**

A student may apply to the principal to receive a high school diploma prior to his/her graduation date

**Non-Traditional Graduation**

The Board of Education is empowered in Wisconsin Statutes 118.33 and 115.28 to grant a diploma to students in an "alternative educational program" as long as the student demonstrates proficiency equivalent to the state standards.

A student who does not meet graduation requirements by the end of senior year may still receive a Green Lake High School Diploma if the student's last school of attendance was Green Lake High School, and if the student completes one of the following:

1. The student completes acceptable coursework via an accredited online or correspondence course to meet graduation requirements and that such coursework has the prior written approval of the high school principal.
- OR**
2. The student completes acceptable college level coursework to meet graduation requirements and that such coursework has the prior written approval of the high school principal.
- OR**
3. The student has successfully completed the junior year at an accredited four-year college/university, and requests a high school diploma in a written letter with documentation to the high school principal.

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A student who has earned an HSED can petition the Board requesting a diploma. The Board will address these requests on a case-by-case basis.

**DIPLOMAS FOR VETERANS**

In order to recognize former students of the school district who left high school before completion of the usual high school graduation requirements to serve in the armed forces of our country during a war period, the School Board will consider awarding a diploma to such veterans under this policy.

A person may be awarded a diploma under this policy even though he/she has not satisfied the diploma or graduation requirements under other District policies and notwithstanding the graduation requirements of section 118.33 (1) of the state statutes. Further, a person may be awarded a diploma under this policy even if the person has already received a high school equivalency diploma after serving on active duty in the armed forces, if the person meets the other requirements of this policy.

In order to be considered for a receipt of a diploma under this policy, a person must satisfy the following criteria:

1. The person must be at least 65 years old;
2. The person must have attended high school in Wisconsin and must currently reside in the school district.
3. The person must have left high school before receiving a high school diploma to join the U.S. armed forces during a war period under s 45.01(13)(e) of the state statutes; and
4. The person must have served on active duty under honorable conditions in the U.S. armed forces or in forces incorporated as part of the U.S. armed forces.

A person requesting a diploma under this policy shall submit information to be used to determine whether s/he meets the above criteria. Such person also may, and is encouraged to submit any other information relating to the person's academic performance and community service in the district or elsewhere that may aid the district administrator and Board in considering the person's request.

The district administrator shall determine whether a person requesting a diploma under this policy has satisfied the criteria outlined above and may adopt procedures needed to make that determination. The Board will consider a request for a diploma under this policy from any person who has been determined by the district administrator to have satisfied the criteria. The Board may also review any information submitted by the person and any information in District records relating to the person in deciding whether to grant a diploma under this policy.

1<sup>st</sup> Read: 01/27/2010  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: 02/24/2010  
 1<sup>st</sup> Review Read: 06/11/2014  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Review Read: 07/16/2014

**Legal References: Wisconsin State Statutes Sections 115.787, 118.15(1)(d), 118.33(7)(e), 118.55. 120.13(37), and 121.02(1)(p) and Wisconsin Administrative Code; PI 18 and PI 40; and the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).**

**Cross References: 345.6-Procedure, Guidelines for Awarding Credit Toward Graduation; 342.1, Programs for Students with Disabilities; 342.6, Curriculum Modifications; 343.42, Youth Options Program; 345.1, Grading Systems; and 423, Public School Open Enrollment.**