

HORTON HIGH GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Board of Education may adopt graduation requirements beyond the minimum set forth by the State Board of Education.

A student shall be eligible for graduation from grade twelve at Horton High School upon completion of the fifteen and 1/2 required units and attendance as required below, plus at least twelve and 1/2 elective units. District #430 requirements are as follows:

1. **Four (4) units of English Language Arts:** When in the judgment of the high school principal, a student can profit more by taking another subject, the principal is authorized to waive one unit of this requirement.
2. **Three (3) units of Social Studies:** These shall include one (1) unit of American History, one (1) unit of American Government, and one (1) unit of Social Science elective. The unit of American Government shall include the study of the Constitution of the United States.
3. **Three (3) units of Natural Science:** these shall include one (1) unit of Physical Science and one (1) unit of a laboratory course which will be Biology I.
4. **Three (3) units of Mathematics**
5. **One unit of Physical Education** The Physical Education requirement may be waived when a licensed physician states that a student is mentally or physically incapable of participating in a regular or modified physical education program or when a written statement filed by the parents or guardians of the student states that the requirement is contrary to the religious teachings of such student.
6. **One (1) semester unit of Business Essentials;**
*****Business Computer Apps I will no longer be required with Class of 2020.***
7. **One (1) unit of Fine Art (Music, Art, or Foreign Language)**
8. **Attendance for eight (8) semesters enrolled in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) is required.**

To qualify for admission to any of the six Kansas Regents universities, you must meet one of the following requirements: (1) Complete the precollege curriculum with at least a 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale; or, (2) Achieve an ACT score of 21 or above; or, (3) Rank in the top one-third of your high school's graduating class.

PRECOLLEGE CURRICULUM

The following outlines the high school courses that are required to meet the requirements for admission to any of the Kansas Regents universities. Courses that are encouraged, but not required, are italicized.

Note: 1 unit = 1 year

ENGLISH -- 4 units required

--At least (1) one unit of English or Language Arts must be taken each year of high school.

--*Beyond this requirement, students are encouraged to take courses in speech, forensics, or yearbook.*

NATURAL SCIENCE -- 3 units required

--Students must take (3) three units chosen from the following courses. **At least one unit must be in Chemistry** or Physics**.**

- Biology;
- Advanced Biology;
- Chemistry**
- Physical/Earth/Space Science; and/or,
- Physics**

--Applied/technical courses may not be substituted for the requirement that one unit of natural science credit must be in chemistry or physics.

--Students are encouraged to take one additional unit of science chosen from the courses listed above.

MATH -- 3 units required

--Students must take one unit each of Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry. The mathematics requirement shall be three (3) units of mathematics **in high school** at or above the level of Algebra I.

--*Students are strongly encouraged to take a mathematics course every year of high school.*

SOCIAL SCIENCES -- 3 units required

--Students must complete the following:

- One unit of U.S. history;
- One-half unit of U.S. Government;
- One unit selected from one or more courses in psychology, economics, civics, history, current social issues, sociology, anthropology and/or race and ethnic group relations.

- One-half unit selected from world history, world geography or international relations.