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**APPROVAL OF IOWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

**Action Requested:** Consider approval of proposed changes to graduation requirements for the Iowa School for the Deaf (ISD), effective for the 2017-2018 academic year.

**Executive Summary:** In alignment with Iowa Code 280.14 and 281-12.3(5), the Board of Regents must establish and maintain graduation requirements for programs it governs through grade 12. ISD seeks approval for this change to reduce the credits required (from 68 to 58) as they are currently well above base requirements of 55-60 for schools on a trimester system. In addition, all 9th-12<sup>th</sup> grade programs are required to have a pathway for students to graduate early, which is not possible currently. Minimum graduation requirements are already met through ISD requirements, so the change primarily reduces elective requirements, reduces personal and career development credit requirements and adds required courses in Personal Finance, Deaf Studies, Internet Etiquette, American Sign Language, Work-Based Learning and Computer Applications.

Board office staff recommend approval of the proposed graduation requirements for 2017-2018.

**Background:** Iowa School for the Deaf graduation requirements proposed for the 2017-2018 school year:

<u>Course Area</u>	<u>Min-Max required</u>	
English	8-12 credits	must include English 9, 10, 11, 12
Math	6-9 credits	must include Algebra 1 and Geometry
Social Studies	6 credits	must include Government, American History & Deaf Studies
Science	6 credits	must include a Life Science and Physical Science
PE	4 credits	
Health	1-2 credits	must include CPR training
Life Skills	2 credits	must include Personal Finance and Internet Etiquette
Fine Arts	1 credit	
ASL	4 credits	students may test out of basic ASL classes
Voc. Education	5 credits	must include Personal & Career Development, Work-Based-Learning and Computer Applications
<u>Electives</u>	<u>7-12 credits</u>	
<b>Total Required</b>	<b>58 credits</b>	

- Iowa School for the Deaf is on a trimester system
  - 1 Trimester = 1 credit
  - 2 Trimesters = 1 year course (In some schools it only takes students 2 trimesters to complete a course. At ISD it typically takes our students longer to complete making 3 trimesters = 1 year course).
- The State of Iowa requires a minimum of:
  - 4 years of English (8 credits)
  - 3 years of Math (6 credits)
  - 3 years of Social Studies (6 credits)
  - 3 years of Science (6 credits)

- We are required to offer at least:
  - Health (1 credit)
  - PE (1 credit)
  - Fine Arts (3 credits) - ISD offers art and theatre, other fine arts classes at Lewis Central HS are offered through a cooperative agreement
  - Foreign Language (4 credits) - ISD has a cooperative agreement with Lewis Central which allows our students to access Spanish (Department of Education has approved ASL as a foreign language credit for ISD students)
  - Vocational Education (12 credits) - We offer 9 vocational courses at ISD, students may take other vocational classes at Lewis Central or the Council Bluffs Tucker Center through our cooperative agreement

### **Course Offerings for the 2017-2018 School Year**

#### **Iowa School for the Deaf**

- English: English 9, 10, 11, 12, American Literature, World Literature, British Literature, Reading Strategies 1, 2, 3 & 4
- Math: Essential Math, Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry, Trig, Calculus
- Social Studies: Government, American History, Current Events, Deaf Studies
- Science: Physical Science, Earth & Space, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Science Methods
- Physical Education
- Health 1 and Health 2
- Life Skills: Personal Finance, Computer Applications
- Fine Arts: Art, Theater
- ASL 1, 2, 3, 4, Storytelling, ASL Grammar, ASL Literature, ASL Public Speaking
- Vocational Education: Personal & Career Development, Work-Based-Learning, Computer Applications, Woods, Home Maintenance, Metals, Computer Aided Design, Small Engine Repair, Power Drive
- Electives: Yearbook, Photography, Video Journalism, Computer Coding, Driver Education

#### **Courses offered through cooperative agreements with local high schools**

##### **Lewis Central High School**

- English: Advanced Placement (AP) English Language and Comp, AP English Language and Comp, Pre AP Literature, AP Literature, AP Literature, Exploring Literature 1, Creative Writing, Iowa Western Community College (IWCC) Composition I and II, Writing for the Newspaper, Public Speaking, IWCC Public Speaking, Speech
- Math: Precalculus, IWCC Precalculus, Calculus, Probability and Statistics
- Social Studies: IWCC US History since 1877, AP World History, Economics, Psychology, Sociology
- Science: Ecology, Zoology, Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, Meteorology
- Physical Education: Team Activities, Personal Development, Wellness for Life
- Health
- Life Skills: Interpersonal Relationships, Life Essentials, Living Skill
- Fine Arts: Advanced Art Projects, Advanced Music Theory, Pottery, Advanced Pottery, Advanced Art, Choir, Band, Jazz Band, Humanities, Music Appreciation

- Foreign Language: Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4
- Vocational Education: Intro to Business, Accounting I, IWCC Principles of Accounting, Business Law, Marketing, IWCC Intro to Computers, Foods, Parenting, Child Development, Intro and Advanced Fashion Construction, Architectural Drafting, Home & Car Care, Principles of Building, Intro to Building Techniques, Principles of Engineering, Civil Engineering Architecture, Computer Integrated Manufacturing, Computer Science & Software Engineering, Engineering Design Development, Digital Electronics, Electronics, Exploring Teaching, Fundamentals of 3D Modeling

**Tucker Career and College Center – Council Bluffs Community Schools**

(all classes are CTE Certified)

- Computer Graphics and Media Production/Communications
- Health Sciences
- Hospitality and Culinary Arts
- Automotive Technology
- Early Childhood Education
- Teaching Careers Exploration