MURRAY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of......

Policy and Responsibility

SUBJECT: MURRAY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Murray High School requires twenty-seven (27) credits for graduation to receive a Murray High School Diploma.

Language Arts ............................................................. 4.0 units of credit
  English 9                                         1.0 unit
  English 10                                        1.0 unit
  English 11                                        1.0 unit
  Course from Applied & Advanced Course List        1.0 unit

Social Studies ............................................................. 3.0 units of credit
  World Geography 9                                  0.5 unit
  World Civilizations 10                             0.5 unit
  U.S. History                                      1.0 unit
  U.S. Government & Citizenship                     0.5 unit
  Course from Approved List                         0.5 unit

Science...................................................................... 3.0 units of credit
  One unit is required in the ninth grade           1.0
  One unit is required in the tenth grade           1.0
  Foundation Course or Course from Applied & Advanced Course List**  1.0

  (Minimum of 2 credits from Earth Systems, Biology, Chemistry, & Physics.)

Mathematics ............................................................... 3.0 units of credit
  Secondary Math 1                                  1.0 unit
  Secondary Math 2                                  1.0 unit
  Secondary Math 3 or Course from Applied & Advanced Course List**  1.0 unit

  (Students who successfully complete Calculus meet graduation requirements regardless of the number of math credits they have taken.)
Healthy Lifestyles............................................................ 2.0 units of credit
  Participation Skills  0.5 unit
  Fitness for Life 10  0.5 unit
  Health Education  0.5 unit
  P.E. Elective Credit (grades 11 or 12)  0.5 unit

Arts ................................................................. 1.5 unit of credit
Digital Studies............................................................. 0.5 unit of credit
Career and Technical Education (CTE)............................ 1.0 unit of credit
  (At least .5 credit is required in grade 10-12)
Financial Literacy .......................................................... 0.5 unit of credit
Educational Career Field/Elective Credit  8.5 units of credit

American Civics Education Initiative, S.B. 60, was passed in the Utah legislative session of 2015. This law requires the successful passage of a basic civics test or an alternate assessment as a condition of graduation. This requirement applies to any public school student who would graduate on or after January 1, 2016, as well as any student enrolled in an adult education program. Per the legislation, the basic civics test will utilize 50 questions from the United States Customs and Immigration Services (USCIS) civics test. *A passing score is 35/50 questions answered correctly.

Students may receive a Murray High School Honors Diploma by taking the required twenty-seven credits for graduation with the following substitutions:

  Educational Career Field/Elective Credit.................6.5 units of credit
  World Language (grade 8 – 12).....................2.0 units of credit

  1.0 credit minimum from required courses must be earned in an Advanced Placement and/or Concurrent Enrollment Course

  Students must also have a 3.0 cumulative GPA and meet the ACT College Readiness Benchmark Scores of:

  English  18
  Reading 22
  Math  22
  Science 23

  If students complete 3.0 units of credit in a single education career field area, they qualify to wear a career field cord at graduation.

  Career Field Cords
  Arts and Recreation
  Social & Human Services
  Administration
  Business
  STEM-Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math
  Technical
Students planning to attend a college or university are responsible to contact their counselor to verify their Plan for College and Career Readiness (PCCR) will qualify them for entrance to the college of their choice. Meeting the Murray High School graduation requirements does not guarantee entrance at all colleges or universities.

All credits toward graduation must be earned from institutions accredited by accrediting agencies approved by the Department of Education and are subject to prior approval and review by the Murray District Credit Review Committee.