

**Gardiner High School  
Graduation Requirements  
2016-2017**

Graduation from high school is a basic goal for all students. The staff of Gardiner High School will make every effort to make this goal a reality. The following is basic information to guide the student and parent in achieving that goal. All requirements are for grades 9-12.

- A) A student must earn 25 units of credit.
  - 1) A unit of credit is earned when a student passes one course taught over the period of a year. One-half units are granted upon the successful completion of one semester of a course.
  - 2) One credit per year is earned for physical education and health. Band and chorus credits vary depending on the number of classroom hours per week.
  - 3) A grade of "A", "B", "C", or "D", is a passing grade. A grade of "F" is a failing grade.

B) The following are graduation requirements for **Gardiner High School:**

<b>English</b>	4 units of credit	9	10	11	12
<b>Mathematics</b>	2 units of credit				
<b>Science</b>	2 units of credit				
<b>Social Studies</b>	3 units of credit	(World Hist., U.S. Hist., and Gov't)			
<b>Physical Education</b>	2 units of credit				
<b>Vocational Education</b>	1 unit of credit				
<b>Fine Arts</b>	1 unit of credit				
<b>Electives</b>	all other courses can be counted as an elective.				

C) The Montana University System has the following suggestions for "COLLEGE PREP" course work: (for college entry, admissions departments look at 9-12<sup>th</sup>)

*English	4 years	
*Math	3 years	(Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and a course beyond Alg. II)
*Lab Science	3 years	(General or Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
*Social Studies	3 years	(1 Global Studies, U.S. History, One third year course)
*Other Electives	3 years	(3 years from the following: World Lang. (2 years preferable), Computer Science, Visual and Performing Arts, Vocational Ed. units (such as Information Tech., Computer Science).

**Details to consider:**

- 1) **Math:** Algebra I taken during 8<sup>th</sup> grade was approved by the school board to be accepted on the high school transcript and to be included in the GPA. This board action began for the school year 2014-2015. (Current 9<sup>th</sup> graders receive this benefit, the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders do not).
- 2) **Social Studies:** Must include the following 3 units of credit. This board action will begin school year 2016-2017.
  - A) Global Studies class: such as World History or World Geography B) U.S. History C) Government
- 3) **PE:** Classes do not have to be done in consecutive years.

See MUS Rigorous Core Fact Sheet for additional information on requirements.