

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of twenty-one (21) units of credit are required for graduation from the Leyden High Schools.

The Board of Education supports a comprehensive high school educational program. All Leyden High School students have the opportunity to develop basic skills and expand their knowledge in both traditional and elective programs. Of the twenty-one units of credit required for graduation, the following basic requirements must be met:

English	4 units
Mathematics.....	3 units
Reading.....	2 units or demonstrated proficiency. Freshmen and sophomores who fail any semester of reading must repeat the course during the summer term. Transfer students are exempt from the requirement for semesters not enrolled at Leyden High Schools.
Science	2 units (including 1 unit of a Biology course and 1 unit of Physical Science or Chemistry Honors).
Social Studies	2 units (1 unit of U. S. History and 1 unit of Global Studies).
Physical Education	4 units
a. Health Ed	1/2 unit. Health Education may be taken in lieu of Physical Education.
b. Exemptions	Students can be exempted from Physical Education if they: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• participate in varsity athletics during their junior or senior year,• are in need of required credit to graduate,• need an additional course for admission to a particular college,• are medically excused by a physician. See counselor for details.
Fine and Applied Arts	1 unit. Courses taken in the Art, Drama, Music, Modern Languages, Business Education, Family & Consumer Sciences, or Industrial Technology departments satisfy this requirement.
Computer Literacy	1/2 unit. Freshman students (class of 2012 and beyond) will be required to pass one half unit or pass the proficiency exam. Previous completion of Keyboarding satisfies this requirement for classes of 2009-2011.
Consumer Education	1/2 unit. All students must successfully complete a semester course that meets the state requirement or pass the state proficiency test. Students must take <i>Consumer Education</i> , <i>Online Consumer Education</i> , or <i>Economics Honors</i> as a junior or senior.
Federal and State Constitution Exam	Each student must pass an examination on the Federal and State Constitutions, Declaration of Independence, and the proper use and display of the American flag.
P.S.A.E.	Students are required to take the Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE) as a condition of graduation (Public Act 93-857).