

# Graduation Requirements

As a prerequisite to receiving a Lincoln-Way Community High School diploma, students must successfully complete the graduation requirements listed below. Please note the graduation year of the student in determining graduation requirements.

## REQUIRED CREDITS

Students who will graduate in the  
Class of:

	2009	2010/11	2012	2013
English <sup>1</sup>	3	4	4	4
Mathematics <sup>2</sup>	3	3	3	3
Physical Education/Health Science <sup>3</sup>	4	4	4	4
Science	2	2	3	3
U.S. History/Western Civilization <sup>4</sup>	2	2	2	2
American Civics <sup>5</sup>	½	½	½	½
Consumer Education <sup>6</sup>	½	½	½	½
Reading <sup>7</sup>	1	1	1	1
Fine Arts <sup>8-9</sup>	1	1	1	1
Career and Technical Education <sup>10-11</sup>	1	1	1	1
<b>TOTAL REQUIRED CREDITS</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>MINIMUM ELECTIVE CREDITS</b>	<u><b>4</b></u>	<u><b>3</b></u>	<u><b>2</b></u>	<u><b>2</b></u>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS FOR GRADUATION<sup>12-14</sup></b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Community Service Hours for Graduation<sup>15</sup></b>				<b>20</b>



**NOTE:** READ THE FOOTNOTES BELOW VERY CAREFULLY. PARENTS AND STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.

- 1 Students must successfully complete an appropriate level of English I, II, and III and IV.
- 2 Students must successfully complete math courses through Algebra II.
- 3 Satisfies the State of Illinois mandates as to Physical Education, Health Education, and Driver Education & Safety. Health Education is incorporated in Physical Education at the 9th grade. Driver Education & Safety with thirty clock hours of classroom, and six hours of BTW is incorporated in Physical Education at the 9th and 10th grade. Physical Education is required of all students unless exempt for medical reasons or the provisions of P.A. 84-126 (S.B. 730).
- 4 Satisfies the State of Illinois mandates regarding United States History.
- 5 Satisfies the State of Illinois mandates regarding the United States and Illinois Constitutions, citizenships, and conservation education.
- 6 The Consumer Education state mandate is waived for students who pass the Illinois State Board of Education Consumer Education Proficiency Examination. However, credit is not awarded by passing the proficiency examination.
- 7 Students must successfully complete a reading course during the freshman year or entry-level year.
- 8 Students who earn 19 or more credits in the core academic areas (English, world language, math, science, reading and social sciences) are required to earn 1/2 credit in fine arts; or,
- 9 Students who meet state university academic admissions standards (15 or more credits in a prescribed core academic program) and 4-1/2 or more credits in career and technical education are required to earn 1/2 credit in fine arts.
- 10 Students who earn 19 or more credits in the core academic areas (English, foreign language, math, science, reading and social sciences) are required to earn only 1/2 credits in career and technical education; or
- 11 Students who meet state university academic admissions standards (15 or more credits in a prescribed core academic program) and 4-1/2 or more credits in fine arts are required to earn 1/2 credit in career and technical education.
- 12 These graduation requirements DO NOT apply to students whose program of study is determined by an Individualized Education Program (IEP).
- 13 These are general graduation requirements. For specific departmental requirements, please refer to course descriptions listed in this hand book. Department requirements should be closely followed; exceptions may be made on an individual basis only if a hardship exists.
- 14 PSAE must be taken in order to receive a Lincoln-Way High School diploma and to participate in graduation ceremonies.
- 15 All students beginning with the class of 2013 must complete 20 hours of community service as a requirement of graduation.