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POLICY 6456 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Academic credits shall be awarded for mastery of standards in grades nine through twelve. A student must earn 23.5 credits, as described in Rule 6456 to graduate from the Kenosha Unified School District and a student must also complete 10 hours of community service, and successfully pass the state required civics exam with a score of 65% or higher,

## OR

A student may receive a diploma by successfully completing an approved Individual Education Plan (IEP), Limited Language Plan (LLP), and/or Section 504 Plan that specifically defines any graduation requirement modifications.

KUSD students may obtain an online learning endorsement.

A student may complete the online learning endorsement through one of the following options:

- 1. Pass an online course (earned mark must appear on the transcript).
- 2. Pass a course with approved online components (as listed below in Section 6 of the credit requirements).

A credit deficient student who is at least 17 years of age who has been enrolled in a high school cohort group for more than three years (a student with a summer birthday would be able to take the exam with the spring testing group if they attended high school for more than three years with their peers) may also successfully complete the District Competency Graduation Requirements or a comparable program to earn a District diploma. In addition, a District diploma may be earned by a transfer student through an academic review of the student's transcript by a building administrator.

The School Board may also grant a District high school diploma to students who have successfully completed the graduation requirements of the Wisconsin National Guard Challenge Academy. Challenge Academy students must reach content proficiency either by meeting the proficiency standards on the Challenge Academy content assessments or the KUSD competency diploma assessments.

All students shall be required to take a full schedule. High School students may be allowed to have non-academic release time based on schedule needs and approved requests. In addition, four years of high school

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