

High school diplomas now required for students in SRS or JJA custody

2011 Senate Bill 23

The board of education of a school district shall award a high school diploma to any person requesting a diploma if such person:

- ✓ Is at least 17 years of age;
- ✓ Is enrolled or resides in such school district;
- ✓ Is or has been a child in the custody of the SRS Secretary or JJA Commissioner at any time on or after such person's 14th birthday; and
- ✓ Has achieved at least the following 21 minimum high school graduation requirements adopted by the state board of education:
 1. **four units of English language arts**, which shall include reading, writing, literature, communication, and grammar. The building administrator may waive up to one unit of this requirement if the administrator determines that a pupil can profit more by taking another subject;
 2. **three units of history and government**, which shall include world history; United States history; United States government, including the Constitution of the United States; concepts of economics and geography; and, except as otherwise provided in S.B.R. 91-31-32, a course of instruction in Kansas history and government;
 3. **three units of science**, which shall include physical, biological, and earth and space science concepts and which shall include at least one unit as a laboratory course;
 4. **three units of mathematics**, including algebraic and geometric concepts;
 5. **one unit of physical education**, which shall include health and which may include safety, first aid, or physiology. This requirement may be waived.
 6. **one unit of fine arts**, which may include art, music, dance, theatre, forensics, and other similar studies selected by a local board of education; and
 7. **six units of elective courses.**

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