

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

### Background

Alberta Education issues the Alberta High School Diploma, the High School Equivalency Diploma or the Certificate of Achievement to students who meet the graduation requirements. The diploma or certificate certifies that the holder has successfully completed a prescribed program of instruction.

From kindergarten through to Grade 12, the district programs focus on supporting a strong liberal arts education that will allow its students to succeed and to graduate with the life skills, attitudes, knowledge and abilities to pursue their careers and life goals as individuals, parents/legal guardians and/or members of the broader community.

### Procedures

1. In order for students to attain one of the above diplomas or certificate, students must follow the senior high school graduation requirements as set out in the current Alberta *Guide to Education*.
2. According to the Alberta *Guide to Education*, "Post-secondary courses taken at an institution either inside or outside Alberta, are not equated to credits for the Alberta High School Diploma but may be evaluated for and applied to the High School Equivalency Diploma."
3. Acknowledging the distinctive characteristics of graduates from Catholic high schools, the district recognizes the importance of Religious Studies courses. The expectation is that all students will fulfill their Religious Studies requirements of three credits per grade

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Reference: Section 12, 16.2, 20, 22, 50, 60, 61, 113 [School Act](#)  
[Ministerial Order on Student Learning](#)  
[Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12](#)