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## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS/EARLY GRADUATION**

Students must earn 24 units of credit in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 in order to graduate from Sturgis Brown High School. This will include 4 units of language arts, 3 units of social studies, 3 units of science, 3 units of mathematics, 1 unit of physical education, 1 unit of fine arts, 1 unit of world language or an approved career and technical education class, 1 unit of economics or personal finance, and 7 units of electives. These requirements go into effect with the freshman class of 2011-2012.

Students may work toward early graduation (fewer than 4 years) subject to the following stipulations:

1. Students must declare their intent to graduate early when registering for their senior year. The "Application for Early Graduation" form, including a plan justifying the request, must be completed.
2. ~~Students must complete no fewer than 7 semesters all within an accredited school.~~
3. ~~Students must have completed no fewer than 24 units of credit at the end of their 6<sup>th</sup> semester.~~
4. Prior to approval of the early graduation plan, an interview between the student, parent(s), and a counselor or administrator must be held. The completed "Application for Early Graduation" form must be brought to the interview.
5. Students must make official notice of their intent to graduate by the end of their 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks. If students are under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian must sign the early graduation request

Students who desire, and qualify for, early graduation will be listed with their own graduating class.

Students who elect to take correspondence courses will bear the costs for tuition and books.

In order to receive a diploma from Sturgis Brown High School an individual must be enrolled as a student in said school. Students transferring from unaccredited schools or home schools must attend classes for no fewer than 2 semesters in order to be considered for graduation.

Students who are citizens of foreign countries may receive a diploma if all graduation requirements are met, documented, and verified. Foreign students who have not met all the graduation requirements will receive a certificate of attendance.

Students who are unable to meet the graduation requirements will not be permitted to participate in graduation exercises.

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