

- b. A student shall receive credit for a course when he demonstrates he has achieved at least the minimum requirement for satisfactory completion as determined by the school district.
- c. School districts shall issue Carnegie units.

4.5.15 Graduation Requirements for a New Mexico High School Diploma (Effective May 1977)

- a. The quality of a student's education, rather than the acquisition of specific number of units, shall be the primary concern.
- b. To graduate, a student shall earn at least eighteen (18) units in a four-year high school or fourteen (14) units in a three-year high school.
 - (1) Language arts (communication skills) - 3 units
 - (2) Mathematics - 1 unit
 - (3) Social studies - 2 units (1 unit American history and 1 unit in any other social studies field.)
 - (4) Laboratory science - 1 unit in chemistry, physics, biology or any other laboratory science
 - (5) Physical education - 1 unit (must be earned in high school.) Exemption shall require a certificate signed by a licensed medical doctor, osteopath or chiropractor.
 - (6) Practical arts - 1 unit. Credit in any vocational course may also be used to satisfy this requirement.

These are minimal requirements. However, local districts may establish academic or vocational requirements beyond those prescribed by the New Mexico Board of Education.

- c. Credits earned through correspondence or extension study may be accepted if such credits are from schools approved or accredited by the National Home Study Council or the state board of education in which they are domiciled.

- d. A school district may waive or substitute courses required for graduation on approval by the state superintendent. The school district must request the superintendent's approval in writing and verify that it is in the student's best interest.
- e. The State Board of Education shall issue a "New Mexico High School Diploma" to all persons at least 18 years of age who have met the State G. E. D. certification requirements (State Board Regulation 73-19.)
- f. A special education student shall receive a certificate upon completion of a planned course of study.