

Administrative Memo

Date: March 18, 2015
To: School Administrators
From: Jocelyn Strand, Coordinator, School Improvement
Subject: QS-15-007 – Updated *Graduation Requirements for Students in Missouri Public Schools*

The *Graduation Requirements for Students in Missouri Public Schools*, commonly referenced as the Graduation Handbook, has been updated. The State Board of Education approved the revised document during their March 2015 meeting. The updated version may be found on the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's website:
<http://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/GraduationHandbook.pdf>.

The updated edition of the Graduation Handbook does not change the number required credits for students to graduate, but rather adds content about instructional offerings, expectations, and other guidelines which have been put into place since the release of the 2007 edition of this publication.

Among the more notable additions and/or revisions to this document include additional guidance on: required end-of-course examinations, additional off-campus programs, competency-based methods to award credit, and waivers of required core credit for students taking career technical education content.

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