

PORTA Graduation Requirements

All three areas must be completed before graduation:

1. 21 credits must be earned to graduate from PORTA High School. The following academic units will be required of all students:

3 or 4 credits of English (4 credits beginning with the Class of 2012)
½ credit of Speech
3 credits of Mathematics
2.5 credits of Science
2 credits of Social Studies (1 credit American History and 1 credit other social studies)
¼ credit of Driver Education
½ credit of Health
½ or 1 credit Resource Management (1.0 for the Classes of 2009 and 2010, ½ 2011 and beyond)
1 credit chosen from (a)music (b)art (c)foreign language (includes Am. Sign Language) or (d)vocational education.
2.0 (classes of 2010 and 2011) or 2.5 (classes of 2012 and 2013)
Physical Education

2. Each student must be enrolled in physical education or health education each semester he/she is enrolled in school, unless exempt by a waiver. Physical Education is a credited course. It does not count toward grade point average.
3. Each student must pass an examination on the U.S. and the State of Illinois Constitution.
4. Student must meet all requirements for graduation as set by the State of Illinois.

Correspondence courses will be accepted for credit ONLY if the course is not in the high school curriculum and is needed for graduation. Each course must be approved by the principal and guidance counselor. A maximum of two correspondence credits will be accepted toward graduation.

PORTA High School does not offer summer school. Summer school credits from other districts, including Illinois Virtual High School, will be allowed for credit if approved by the principal and guidance counselor. The student will be responsible for the cost of the classes and transportation. It is the student's responsibility to make sure that the guidance office has a copy of the transcript. A maximum of two credits will be accepted toward graduation.

All students must enroll in a minimum of 5 academic credits each semester. With the exceptions of band, chorus, physical education and Jobs For Illinois Graduates, students may not enroll in a course for which he/she has already earned credit.

Band and Chorus count as 1 credit per year toward graduation credits. They may be counted as one of the five academic courses required each semester. No more than four music credits can be used to fulfill the required number of academic credits.

Independent Study Courses: Students with a particular interest in a subject area may take independent study courses. A permission form must be completed by the student and sponsoring teacher and be approved by the principal and counselor. The independent study course must be in addition to the 5 academic courses required, but may not exceed an 8 course limit.

It is the responsibility of the student to be certain that credit requirements are met. Please be aware of credit requirements and consult with the guidance counselor for individual concerns or issues.