

## **INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM**

### **Program for Students**

### **Requirements for Graduation**

#### **Part 1: Required Areas of Study**

Graduation from Lincoln Public Schools will require the accumulation of 245 credit hours in grades 9-12, subject to the following:

Within the 245-credit expectation for graduation from high school (grades 9-12), designated areas of study totaling 185 credit hours will be required of students. The credits listed are to be earned by taking courses.

<b>Graduation Requirement Area</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>Career and Technical Education (CTE)</b> business, family and consumer sciences, skilled and technical sciences  <b>and</b>	20, at least 5 credits of Fine Arts and 5 credits of CTE
<b>Fine Arts</b> dance, dramatic arts, music and visual arts	
<b>Career and Educational Planning/Personal Finance</b>	5
<b>Economics</b>	5
<b>English including Oral Communication</b>	40
<b>Human Behavior</b>	5
<b>Mathematics</b> Including the completion of Algebra and Geometry	30
<b>Physical Education</b>	10
<b>Health</b>	5
<b>Science</b> Including 5 hours of earth, physical (physics and chemistry) and life science	30
<b>Social Studies</b> <b>Civics</b> <b>Geography</b> <b>Government and Politics</b> <b>World History</b> <b>United States History</b>	5 5 5 5 10
<b>Technology</b>	5

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### **Requirements for Graduation (Continued)**

#### **Part 2: Required Areas of Study**

In addition to accumulating the required number of credit hours, students will also be required to demonstrate that they have necessary reading and writing skills. Demonstrations may be completed in a particular class and/or independent of a class. Demonstrations will not grant credit.

<b>Area</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Demonstrations</b>
<b>Reading</b>	<i>Students must demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to read and comprehend prose, poetry, and informational text consistent with state standards.</i>
<b>Writing</b>	<i>Students must demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to write a narrative and an expository essay consistent with state standards.</i>

#### **Part 3: FAFSA**

Each student shall also complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid prior to graduation, unless the required opt-out form is completed by either: (1) the student's parent or legal guardian; (2) the Principal, if the Principal determines that good cause exists not to require the student to complete the FAFSA; or (3) an emancipated student or student of at least 19 years of age.

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