

**School District of River Falls
Special Board Meeting**

Monday, January 4, 2021 - 6:00 PM

River Falls High School Media Center, 818 Cemetery Road, River Falls, WI 54022

Also available via YouTube at : <https://www.youtube.com/c/schooldistrictofriverfalls>

Agendas can be viewed at <https://www.rfsd.k12.wi.us/district/school-board.cfm> or at
<https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Organization/1447>

1. **CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 p.m. in the River Falls High School Media Center also available via YouTube**
2. **MANNER OF PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF MEETING**
3. **HEARING OF VISITORS OR DELEGATIONS**
4. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
 - A. **Social/Emotional student support (River Falls Public Montessori and Westside Elementary Schools)**
 - B. **Learning environment updates for Virtual/e-School, Hybrid grades 7-12, in school grades PK-6**
 - C. **Future considerations for shift/pivot in learning environment (proactive planning)**
5. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - A. **Consideration and/or Action to determine a change/pivot from the "HYBRID Learning Environment" and athletic/co-curricular programs, spectator updates, and/or any details contained within our Wildcat Roadmap (district plan document for school operations during COVID-pandemic.)**
 1. **Staff and Student COVID-impact in District**
 2. **Regional and school district COVID-statistics**

Description: Administration will discuss existing COVID-statistics in our region and local school district criteria and if there is a perceived need to shift into an alternative learning environment and/or revise our Wildcat Roadmap and/or revise plans for athletics, co-curriculars, facility use, music, and all related policy and governance decisions. (Presentation link)

Recommended Action: Determine if we need to pivot/shift the "Learning Environment" and related programs to include but not limited to athletics, spectators, co-curriculars, and music policy and plans.
 - B. **Consideration and/or Action to approve second readings of proposed revisions to graduation credit requirements from 30 to 28 referenced in board policy 345.6 Graduation Requirements and policy 345.6-Rule Graduation Requirement Guidelines.** **3**

Description: The first readings of proposed revisions to graduation credit requirements from 30 to 28 referenced in board policy 345.6 Graduation Requirements and policy 345.6-Rule Graduation Requirement Guidelines were approved at the December 21, 2020, Regular Board of Education meeting.

Recommended Action:

 1. Approve the second reading of revisions to policy 345.6 Graduation Requirements.
 2. Approve the second reading of revisions to policy 345.6-Rule Graduation Requirement Guidelines.
 - C. **Proposed/suggested items for the next regular and future Board meeting agenda(s)**

Description: As always, Board members will be given the opportunity to suggest items for future Board member agendas.

Recommended Action: As needed.
 - D. **Schedule next Board/Committee meetings**

Description: Upcoming Board meeting dates, times, and locations will be reviewed.

Recommended Action: Set meeting schedule as follows:
Personnel Committee meeting: Monday, January 11, 2021, 5:30 pm
Educational Program Committee meeting: Monday, January 11, 2021, 6:00 pm

Special Board of Education meeting: Monday, January 11, 2021, 6:30 pm
Finance and Facilities Committee meeting: Monday, January 18, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
Regular Board of Education meeting: Monday, January 18, 2021, 6:30 pm
All the above meetings will be held at River Falls High School, 818 Cemetery Road

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A District high school diploma signifies successful completion of all state and Board of Education requirements. A district diploma represents a minimum standard of achievement and is used as a symbol of graduation.

In order to earn a high school diploma in the School District of River Falls, students must satisfy the following requirements.

1. To earn a high school diploma, the student must earn at least 28 credits at River Falls High School as determined by the School District of River Falls. It is the desire of the School Board that all students have the opportunity and support to achieve a high school diploma from the School District of River Falls.
2. Under certain circumstances, students may request a graduation requirement modification. Such circumstances may include, but are not limited to: a request for early graduation, credit reduction based on individual student circumstances, and transfer from another district. All requests for graduation credit modifications are subject to approval by both the school counselor and school and district administration.
3. The student must attend high school or an accepted alternative program for a minimum of 14 full terms.

Alternative educational programs for high school graduation may be provided to accommodate students with exceptional educational needs, interests and requirements. Such alternative education programs shall be established in accordance with state law requirements.

The building principal shall be responsible for determining student eligibility for graduation. A student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be notified as soon as possible if it appears that the student will not meet the requirements of this policy by the end of his/her eighth semester of high school. The Board shall grant a high school diploma to a student upon recommendation of the building principal and Superintendent.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 118.33 Wisconsin Statutes
121.02(1)(p)
PI 18, Wisconsin Administrative Code

CROSS REF.: 345.6-Rule, Graduation Requirement Guidelines
345.1, Grading Systems
345.61, Early Graduation
345.62, Graduation Exercises
422.1, Admission of Foreign Exchange Students

APPROVED: February 13, 1989
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March 17, 1997
December 19, 2000
November 19, 2001
April 20, 2005
June 27, 2016
December 17, 2018
January 4, 2021

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River Falls, Wisconsin 54022

345.6-Rule

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT GUIDELINE

A. River Falls High School and Renaissance Academy Credit Requirements for Graduation

Requirements to earn a diploma in the River Falls School District for students at River Falls High School and Renaissance Charter Academy include:

Students must earn at least 28 course credits for graduation, including:

English	4.0 credits*
<i>*Must include .5 credits in Speech</i>	
Mathematics	3.0 credits
Science	3.0 credits*
Social Studies	3.5 credits
<i>*A minimum of .5 credits must be earned in either Introduction to Economics or Personal Finance.</i>	
Physical Education	1.5 credits
Health	0.5 credits

In addition to the above required credits, the student must earn a minimum of 12.5 credits in elective coursework. All students must successfully meet the Civics exam requirement established by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Specific coursework is outlined in the River Falls High School's Academic and Career Planning Guide and the Renaissance Academy Graduation Requirement Checklist.

Students completing the coursework specified above at River Falls High School or the Renaissance Academy will earn a high school diploma from the River Falls School District.

B. Awarding Course Credit

Credits which count towards graduation begin accumulating during ninth grade. A student must attain a grade of "D-" or higher, or a "P" in order to receive credit for a course.

C. Make Up of Required Courses

1. River Falls High School:

A student who fails a required course at River Falls High School shall have the opportunity to retake the class during the school day if there is room in the class. A student shall also have the option to make up the class in evening school, summer school or through an approved correspondence course. A student who wishes to retake a class during the regular school day may do so according to the procedures outlined in

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the Student Handbook.

2. Renaissance Charter Alternative Academy:

If the student fails the class a second time during the regular school day, the class must be made up in evening school, summer school or through an approved correspondence course.

A student who does not complete or needs to repeat a class will do so in summer school or the following school year.

D. Minimum Class Load

All River Falls High School students and Renaissance Charter Alternative Academy students are required to take a minimum credit load of at least 7.0 credits per year.

E. Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Individualized educational programs for high school graduation may be provided to accommodate students with disabilities. Students who successfully complete the goals and required credits identified in their individualized educational program shall be issued a diploma.

F. Foreign Exchange Students

At the time of his/her registration, a foreign exchange student may request to graduate with a District high school diploma. A student making such a request must provide a formal transcript from his/her home school at the time of registration. An interpretation of credits shall be completed by the guidance counselor and approved by the building principal. A "P" grade shall be listed for all courses passed and completed at his/her home school.

To receive a high school diploma, the student must meet all graduation requirements. At the end of the first semester, the student's academic performance shall be reviewed to determine the student's continued eligibility for a District high school diploma.

CROSS REF: 345.6 Graduation Requirements
Basic Skills Diploma Application
Modified Course Request
Early Graduation Application
Academic & Career Planning Guide
Renaissance Academy Graduation Requirement Checklist

APPROVED: September 16, 1991

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April 17, 2006
May 19, 2014

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