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(1) The Core Standards and a General Core for middle school students are described in this section.

(2) A student in grades 7-8 is required to earn a minimum of 12 units of credit to be properly prepared for instruction in grades 9-12.

(3) In addition to the Board requirements described in this section, an LEA board may require a student to complete additional units of credit.

(4) The following are the Grades 7-8 General Core Requirements and units of credit:

(a) Language Arts (2.0 units of credit);

(b) Mathematics (2.0 units of credit);

(c) Science (2.0 units of credit);

(d) Social Studies (1.5 units of credit);

(e) The Arts (1.0 units of credit from the following):

(i) Visual Arts;

(ii) Music;

(iii) Dance; or

(iv) Theatre.

(f) Physical Education (1.0 units of credit);

(g) Health Education (0.5 units of credit);

(h) College and Career Awareness (1.0 units of credit); and

(i) beginning no later than the 2018-2019 school year, Digital Literacy (0.5 units of credit).

(5) An LEA shall use evidence-based best practices, technology, and other instructional media in middle school curricula to increase the relevance and quality of instruction.

(6) An LEA shall use Board-approved summative adaptive assessments to assess student mastery of the following:

- (a) reading;
- (b) language arts;
- (c) mathematics; and
- (d) science in grades 7 and 8.

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(1) The Core Standards and a General Core for middle school students are described in this section.

(2) A student in grades 7-8 is required to ~~[earn a minimum of 12 units of credit]~~ complete the courses described in Subsection (3) to be properly prepared for instruction in grades 9-12.

~~[(3) In addition to the Board requirements described in this section, an LEA board may require a student to complete additional units of credit.]~~

~~[(4)3] The following are the Grades 7-8 General Core Requirements [and units of credit]:~~

~~(a) Grade 7 Language Arts [2.0 units of credit];~~

~~(b) Grade 8 Language Arts;~~

~~[(b)c] Grade 7 Mathematics [2.0 units of credit];~~

~~(d) Grade 8 Mathematics;~~

~~[(e)e] Grade 7 Integrated Science [2.0 units of credit];~~

~~(f) Grade 8 Integrated Science;~~

~~[(d)g] [Social Studies (1.5 units of credit)] United States History; and~~

~~(h) Utah History.~~

~~[(e) The Arts (1.0 units of credit from the following):~~

~~—— (i) Visual Arts;~~

~~—— (ii) Music;~~

~~—— (iii) Dance; or~~

~~—— (iv) Theatre.~~

~~—— (f) Physical Education (1.0 units of credit);~~

~~—— (g) Health Education (0.5 units of credit);~~

~~—— (h) College and Career Awareness (1.0 units of credit); and~~

~~—— (i) beginning no later than the 2018-2019 school year, Digital Literacy (0.5 units of credit).]~~

(4) An LEA board shall provide access to the General Core to all students within the

LEA.

(5) An LEA shall conduct informal assessments on a regular basis to ensure continual student progress.

(6) An LEA shall provide remediation to middle school students who do not achieve mastery of the subjects described in Subsection (3).

~~[(5)7] An LEA shall use evidence-based best practices, technology, and other instructional media in middle school curricula to increase the relevance and quality of instruction.~~

~~[(6)8] An LEA shall use Board-approved summative adaptive assessments to assess student mastery of the following:~~

~~(a) reading;~~

~~(b) language arts;~~

~~(c) mathematics; and~~

~~(d) science [in grades 7 and 8].~~

(9) An LEA shall offer, by making the course available through the registration process, the following courses aligned with Core Standards for students in grades 7 and 8:

(a) at least two of the following arts courses:

(i) Visual Arts;

(ii) Music;

(iii) Dance;

(iv) Theatre; or

- (v) Media Arts;
- (b) Physical Education;
- (c) Health Education;
- (d) College and Career Awareness; and
- (e) beginning no later than the 2018-19 school year;
- (i) Digital Literacy; and
- (ii) at least one of the World Languages.

(10) An LEA may integrate one or more of the courses if the LEA ensures all Core Standards from each course are taught in entirety.

(11) At the discretion of the LEA board, an LEA board may:

- (a) offer additional elective courses;
- (b) require a student to complete additional courses; or
- (c) set minimum credit requirements.