

**GRADUATION QUALIFYING POLICY - BROWNSTOWN CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

Students, who earn all necessary 42 credits and demonstrate competency in the academic standards to the satisfaction of the Board of School Trustees of Brownstown Central Community Schools, shall graduate from Brownstown Central High School. Competency in the academic standards may be demonstrated in one of the following ways:

I. Meet the Indiana Department of Education standard on the Grade 10 GQE in English and mathematics. (Pass the GQE in both English/language arts and mathematics). Beginning with the class of 2012, the GQE will no longer be offered and students will be required to pass End of Course Assessments (ECA) in Algebra 1 and English 10.

OR

II. Complete the following GQE/ECA Evidence-based waiver:

- A. Maintain a 95% attendance rate each year in grades 9 - 12.
- B. Take advantage of remediation opportunities provided by the school at least once a year.
- C. Maintain a 2.0 GPA average in the 34 credits required for an Indiana high school diploma.
  - 1. The required courses are:
 

Language Arts	8 credits
Social Studies	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science	4 credits
Health and Safety	1 credit
Physical Education	2 credits
Career Academic Sequence	6 credits
Flex Credits	5 credits
  - 2. The courses must be from the list of approved course titles for high school credit or those courses that have been approved as nonstandard.
  - 3. C minus and C plus counts as C for this purpose.
- D. Take the GQE at least one time each year (for special education students, as often as is determined by case conference committee; this determination must be made at least annually).
- E. Obtain a written recommendation from a teacher in each subject area in which the student has not achieved a passing GQE score. (In the case of special education students, the teacher of record along with the case conference committee may determine that the student is eligible to graduate if the following criteria are met).

The recommendation and criteria must:

- 1. Be agreed to by the principal and
- 2. Be supported by documentation that the student has attained 9<sup>th</sup> grade academic standards in language arts and math based upon:
  - a. Test other than the graduation qualifying examination (GQE) or
  - b. Classroom work.

OR

III. Complete the requirements of the GQE Work-readiness waiver

- A. Completes all the requirements under II except E.
- B. Completes a workforce readiness assessment; and, at least one career exploration internship, cooperative education, or workforce credential recommended by your school.