

# **S.5 Graduation Requirement Act**

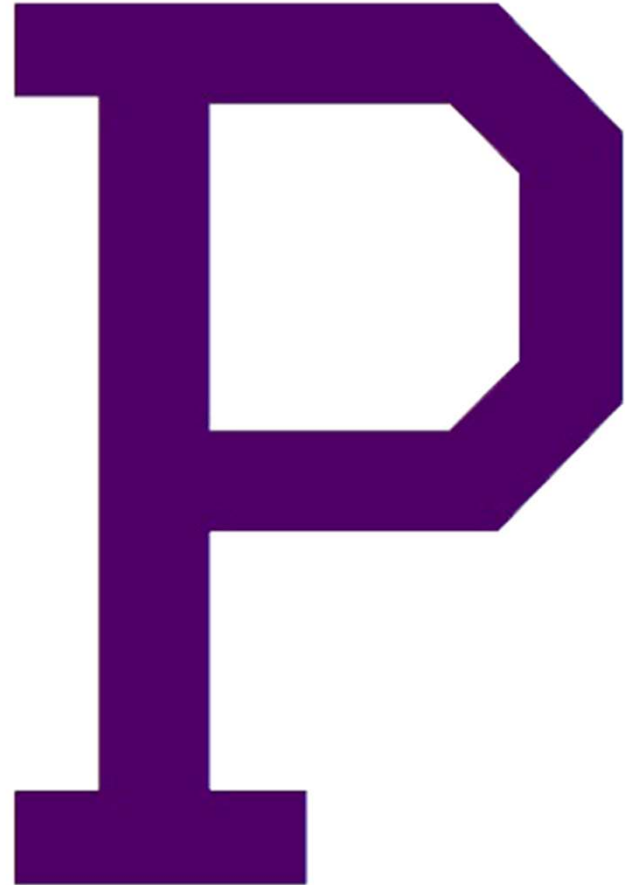
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# Current Graduation Requirements for Portland High:

Currently you need 26 credits to graduate:

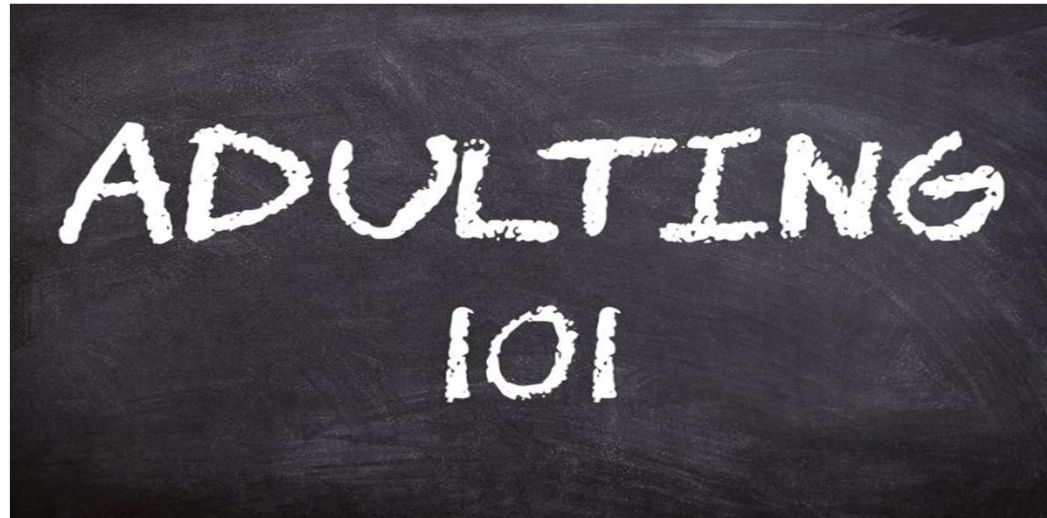
- 4 English
- 4 Math
- 3 Science
- 3 Social Studies
- 1 Wellness
- .5 Physical Ed
- .5 Personal Finance
- 2 Foreign Language
- 1 Fine Art
- 3 Elective Focus
- 4 Sumner County Electives

**\*MUST TAKE ACT\***



# What is the problem?

- We have many unnecessary classes that will not benefit us in the future (adulting, college, life after college, etc.)
  - We feel as if young adults are not ready to “adult” or be on their own when leaving high school.
  - Adding an Adulting 101 class would help students in the future when becoming adults.
  - “An overwhelming number of students, 87 percent, want to eventually earn a college degree and land a career. But many believe that their schools aren’t helping them develop the skills they’ll need to succeed after graduation.”
- Ed Source



## According to Ed Source:

- 42 percent used college entrance exam preparation.
- 36 percent used counseling for help on future career possibilities.
- 34 percent used counseling for help on college admissions requirements.
- 32 percent used counseling for help on applying for college.
- 23 percent used counseling for help on paying for college.



Students used different resources out of high school, because they were not taught basic career and money skills while in high school.

# Where is the problem?

- Tennessee High Schools
- Portland High School



# OUR BILL:

- You MUST take “Adulting 101” senior year
- Everything from the “Portland High School” Requirements are the same except for 3 classes that we have taken out and a couple electives that we have added.
- What is different? Why?
  - Personal Finance - Will be covered in adulting 101
  - Foreign Language - We found that most students do not enjoy or remember the language
  - Physical Ed - We found that students do not enjoy or think that we should have gym as a requirement. We want to make school as helpful and enjoyable as possible.
  - Added: College Prep and Straight to Workforce



# OUR GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

- 4 English Credits
- 4 Math Credits
- 3 Science
- 3 Social Studies
- 1 Fine Art
- 1 Wellness
- 3 Elective Focuses
- 4 Sumner County Electives
- 1 Adulting 101

= 24 credits



# Adulting 101 will focus on...

## Domestic Skills:



- Laundry
- Grocery shopping/cooking
- Household fixes
- Car Maintenance

## Financial Skills:



- Bank account
- Budgeting/Personal Finance
- Insurance
- Paying bills/taxes

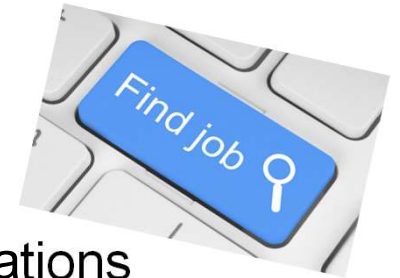
## Relationship skills:

- Communication
- Social Media
- Connections
- Social skills



## Job skills:

- Finding a job
- Interviews/Applications
- Negotiating
- Maintaining social life and job life





# College Prep Elective

- Applying for scholarships including: TN Promise, FAFSA, TN Hope, etc.
- ACT/SAT scores
- Application process
- Campus tours
- Finding “YOUR” school
  - Do they have your degree?
  - Do you feel safe/comfortable
  - How much? Can you afford it?
  - Extracurricular activities

Fact: 69.7% of college graduates enroll in college



# Straight to Workforce

This class is for students who have decided not to go to college

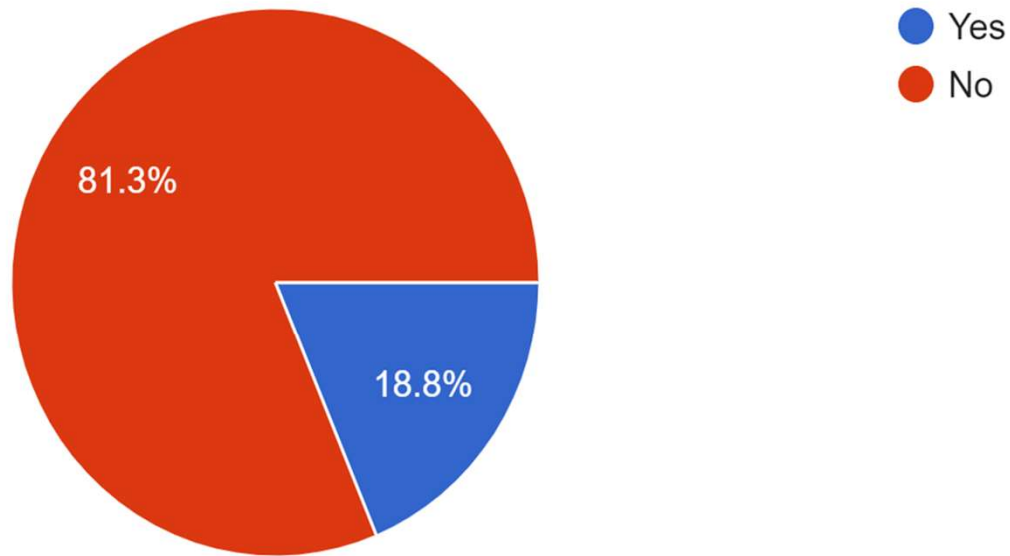
- Interviews
- How to find jobs
- Insurance and benefits
- Job Research
- Job Applications
- What jobs **ONLY** allow a high school diploma. (Ex. cashier, different kinds of assistants, janitors, farmer, factories, military etc.)



Fact: 30.3% of High School Graduates don't go to college

You have to have .5 gym credit to graduate. Do you think this is necessary?

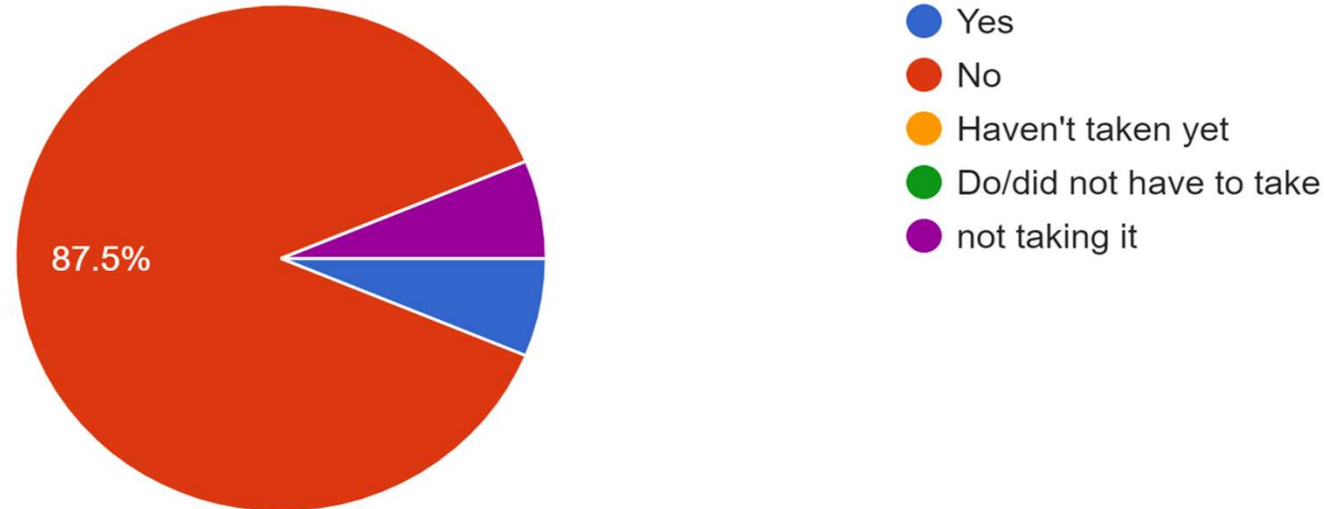
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Students agree that we should take gym out of our current graduation requirements

If you took a foreign language (French, Spanish, etc), did you remember most of everything you learned?

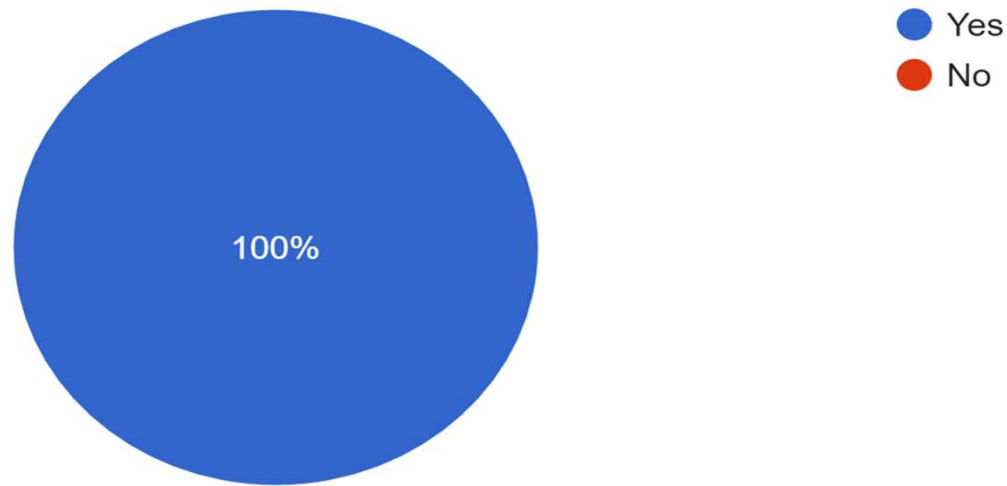
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Students say they don't remember anything from their foreign language class

Do you think high school students should have to take Adulting 101 (how to write checks, pay bills, complete your taxes, changing oil/tires in a car, etc.)?

16 responses



Students believe Adulting 101 should be mandatory for high school students

# Positive and Negative Consequences:

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- You still have the option to graduate early
- You will be more prepared for life outside of high school
- You do not need as many credits to graduate
- You have 2 more electives to choose from

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- Most students do not see the need in taking Adulting 101 to graduate
- You might need to know another language later on in life (jobs, etc.)cc3

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