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October is a month that brings change. It marks the transition from the warmth of summer to cooler days and nights along with welcoming an array of vibrant fall colors as we move between seasons. October is also a time to celebrate harvests and reflect on the many positive aspects in our lives.

October is a month of change here at the Oelrichs School District. October 15th is the end of the 1st quarter of the school year. That's right, only 3 more quarters left in the school year! Seniors, it's not too early to start thinking about senior pictures, graduation, scholarship applications, and making sure you are passing all your classes.

October is also when we wind down several sports, including volleyball and cross-country. Our volleyball team had a good showing at the Lakota Nations Invitational tournament, and our cross-country runners have all earned recognition at several regional meets. We are also excited about the upcoming basketball season and anticipate strong performances from both our boys and girls.

As we now await the first frost and snowfall of the year, it's important to remember to be kind and caring and to help our neighbors and those less fortunate. The Oelrichs School District strives daily to build a caring community and nurture student growth and to instill a love of life-long learning. As always... **GO TIGERS** **Dr. Stone**

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October 3 No School
October 13 No School Native American Day
October 31 Halloween

Counselor's Corner

We are already close to the end of the first quarter!! It goes by quickly so be sure your students are getting enough sleep and staying motivated!

This year we have new state testing for high school. The ACT will replace the 11th grade SBAC test. All state schools will be required to do this test for all juniors. Our testing window here at Oelrichs will be in March 2026. All juniors will test here at the school and there will be no cost. These scores will be part of every state school's report card so it will be important for our students to be prepared and do their best!

Last year, Oelrichs School District became a District Testing Center so both our juniors and seniors tested last year. We will be testing seniors again this year under our District testing.

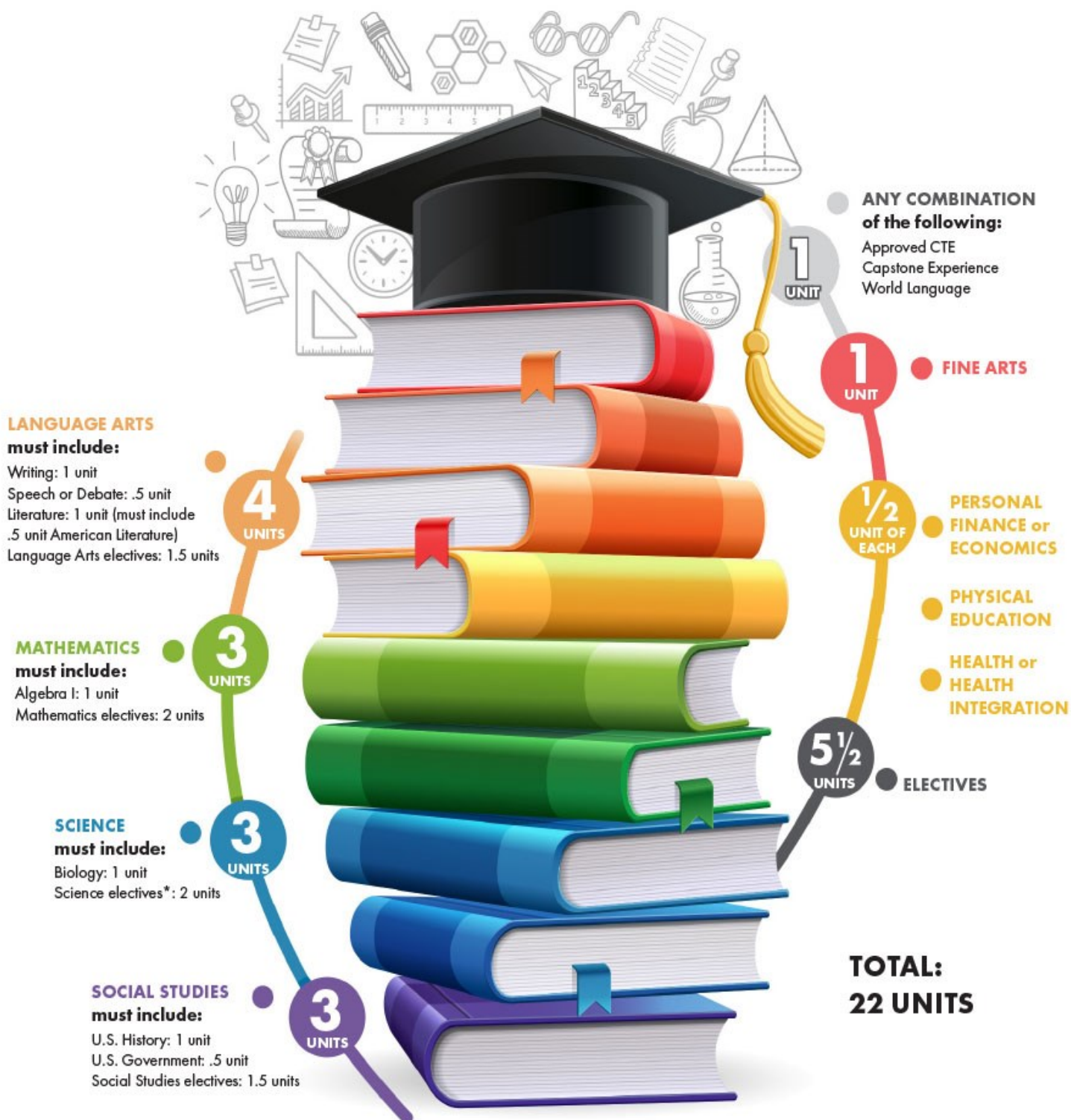
The test will include Reading, English, Science, Math, and Writing. Students will have access to a great program through SD My Life called Methodize. This program helps core teachers include sample ACT questioning and vocabulary within their lessons and offers sample tests in all the ACT areas for students to practice.

This should also help seniors improve scores. Many colleges and universities have required minimum ACT or SAT scores to apply so this is important for all high school students. A higher score gives every student more opportunities and choices in their education beyond high school.

Please remind your students how important this is to their future! They may not feel now that college is their path but may change their mind later. Doing well means they do have that option!

South Dakota High School Graduation Requirements

Approved by the South Dakota Board of Education Standards in July 2018



*A state-approved advanced computer science course may be substituted for one unit of a science elective, but may not replace Biology. A list of approved courses is available at <http://doe.sd.gov/gradrequirements>.

Students are required to meet the above High School Diploma requirements, also known as the 'base diploma'. Students may earn advanced endorsements with their high school diploma. A student's personal learning plan must document a minimum of 22 credits that include the above requirements.

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1 Inter-national Coffee Day</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3 No School In service World Smile Day</i>	<i>4 National Taco Day</i>
<i>5 World Teacher Day</i>	<i>6 National Coach-es Day</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>13 No School-Native American Day</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15 End of 1st Quarter</i>	<i>16 Boss's Day</i>	<i>17 National Pasta Day</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i>	<i>20 School Board Meeting 5:00</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>26 National Pumpkin Day</i>	<i>27 Black Cat Day</i>	<i>28 National Chocolate Day</i>	<i>29 National Cat Day</i>	<i>30 National Candy Corn Day</i>	<i>31 Halloween</i>	

Important October Dates

October 3 No School, In Service

October 5 World Teacher Day

October 13 No School–Native American Day

October 15 end of First Quarter

October 16 LifeTouch Picture Day

October 16 Boss's Day

October 26 National Pumpkin Day

October 27 Black Cat Day

October 28 National Chocolate Day

October 29 National Cat Day

October 30 National Candy Corn Day

October 31 Halloween

**Remember: The flag
does not fly because of
the wind, it flies from
the dying breath of
those who gave their
all!**

School Board Meeting

**The Oelrichs Board
of Education will
have it's regular
meeting Monday Oc-
tober 20th at 5:00PM**



Halloween

Halloween originated from the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, which marked the end of summer and the harvest. Celts in areas like Ireland believed spirits returned to Earth on this night, so they wore disguises and lit bonfires to ward them off. Over time, the celebration was adopted by the Catholic Church as All Saints' Eve, and its traditions later evolved through Irish immigration to America, incorporating new elements like pumpkins for jack-o'-lanterns and modern pop culture.

Here are some funny Halloween jokes:

Skeleton Jokes

- Why didn't the skeleton go to the dance? Because he had no body to go with.
- How did the skeleton know it was going to rain? He felt it in his bones.

Vampire Jokes

- What do ghosts wear when their eyesight gets blurred? Spooktacles.
- Why are ghosts so bad at lying? Because you can see right through them.
- What's it like being kissed by a vampire? It's a pain in the neck.
- What kind of dog does Dracula have? A bloodhound.

Eighth Grade Completion Ceremony



Kindergarten Completion Ceremony



Fifth Grade Completion Ceremony

