

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

I. Introduction

To graduate from Nonnewaug High School, a student must earn a minimum number of credits, fulfill credit distribution requirements, and demonstrate academic competency in literacy and numeracy.

II. Credits Earned and Credit Distribution Requirement

A full-year course is equal to one credit; a half-year course is equal to one-half credit. In order to graduate from Nonnewaug High School a student must complete the minimum number of credits as specified below:

Classes of 2016 – 2022:

Courses	Credits
English	4
Math	4
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Physical Education	1
Health	.5
Technology	.5
Fine Arts /Vocational	1
Open Electives	6 Credits (any courses beyond required credits listed above)
Total	23 Credits

Classes of 2023 and beyond:

CT Graduation Requirements	Required areas	Credits	Required Courses
Humanities (9 credits)	English	4 credits	
	Social Studies	2.5 credits	World History, US History, Civics
	World Language	1 credit	
	Humanities electives	1.5 credits (one credit must be in Fine or Applied Arts)	
STEM (9 credits)	Math	3 credits	
	Science	3 credits	Biology
	STEM electives	3 credits	
Physical Education		1 credit	
Health		1 credit	
Open Electives		4 credits (any courses beyond required credits listed above)	
Mastery Based Diploma Assessment		1 credit	
Total		25 Credits	

III. Demonstration of Academic Competency

Region 14 recognizes that a high school diploma should be an indication of a level of skill and achievement for its students. Students need to satisfy the following criteria in order to ensure that students are college and career ready:

Numeracy: (students must achieve one or more of the following)

- Score of 480 or above on Math SAT.
- A score of 70% or higher on a cumulative departmental assessment that addresses key concepts in all four mathematical strands (Operations and Algebraic Thinking, Real and Complex Number Systems, Geometry, and Probability and Statistics).
- Final grades or above 70 in 3 high school math courses.
- Successful completion of the Connecticut Alternate Assessment for students for whom this assessment is designated by a Planning and Placement Team (PPT)

Literacy: (students must achieve one or more of the following)

- Score of 445 or above on Critical Reading SAT
- A 3 or “meets standard” rating on the four-point rubric developed for the school administered writing prompt that is based on the SAT Evidence Based Reading and Writing assessment.
- Final grades of above 70 in 3 high school English courses.
- Successful completion of the Connecticut Alternate Assessment for students for whom this assessment is designated by a Planning and Placement Team (PPT).

IV. Participation in Community Service

The school believes strongly in the value of community service; thus Nonnewaug High School will require students to perform a minimum of 18 hours of community service.

V. Students who do not meet graduation requirements

Any students who do not meet all graduation requirements will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. A diploma will be held until all requirements are completed.

Options for students who do not meet graduation requirements

Seniors who are not eligible for graduation with their class due to a failure to meet the district graduation requirements, as per policy, in one or more subjects as described above, may select one of the following options:

- Attend summer school to raise a grade to meet coursework requirements.
- Return in a fifth year to a pre-arranged program to be determined by the appropriate department and the School Counseling Department.

EXEMPTIONS, MODIFICATIONS, AND ACCOMMODATIONS

1. If a physician certifies in writing that the physical education requirement is medically contraindicated because of the physical condition of the student, the class will be modified to meet

the student's limitations.

2. Exemptions, modifications and accommodations of graduation requirements will be made for any student with a disability as determined by the planning and placement team or 504 team.
3. Only credits for courses taken in grades nine through twelve shall satisfy graduation requirements with the exception of credit(s) being granted for Algebra I and/or World Language courses taken and successfully completed at the middle school level. Grades will be entered as Pass (P) on the student's transcript. The Superintendent of Schools or designee may grant credit for certain courses identified in subsection (e) of Section 10-221a of the Connecticut General Statutes.
4. The Board may permit a student to earn a diploma during a period of expulsion pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 10-233d if the Board determines that the student has satisfactorily completed the necessary credits for graduation.
5. In accordance with state law, the Board of Education may award a high school diploma to veterans of World War II, the Korean hostilities or the Vietnam Era who left high school to serve in the armed forces and did not receive a diploma as a consequence of such service or any other person who withdrew from high school prior to graduation to work in a job that assisted the war effort during World War II.

***** Update *****

Legal reference: Connecticut General Statutes 10-14n State-wide mastery examination

Courses in United States history, government and duties and responsibilities of citizenship
Teaching about alcohol, nicotine or tobacco, drugs and acquired immune deficiency syndrome
10-221a High school graduation requirements
10-223a Promotion and graduation policies. Basic skills necessary for graduation, assessment process

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