

## Instruction

### Graduation Requirements

#### Credit Distribution Requirements

Beginning with the *class of 2023*, students must earn a minimum of twenty-five (25) credits, and meet the proper credit distribution requirements.

Students must earn credits in the following:

Humanities	9 credits (includes 1 credit in Civics and 1 credit in the Arts)
Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics	9 credits
World Language	1 credit
Health and Safety Education	1 credit
PE and Wellness	1 credit
Mastery-based diploma assessment	1 credit
Additional coursework	3 credits

To graduate from the Hamden Public Schools, students in the *classes of 2020, 2021, and 2022* must earn a minimum of twenty-three (23) credits and meet the proper credit distribution requirements.

Students must earn credits in the following:

English	4 credits (1 credit American Literature)
Social Science	3 credits (1 credit United States History, .5 credit Civics)
Mathematics	3 credits (business math or accounting at the high school counts toward this requirement)
Science	3 credits (1 credit Biology)
Physical Education	1.5 credits
Practical Arts	.5 credit*
Fine Arts	1 credit**
Health Education	.5 credit
Electives	6.5 credits

\*Courses in Business, Career Education, Technology and Family and Consumer Science

\*\* Courses in Art, Music and Theater

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**Options if Credit Requirements Not Met**

- A. Enroll in summer school and meet the credit requirements; or
- B. Return to high school as a fifth year student and meet the credit requirements.

(cf. 6172.6 External and Online Credit Options)

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes  
10-16b Prescribed courses of study.  
10-221a High school graduation requirements.  
10-223a Promotion and graduation policies.