

DHS Academic Requirements

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

All students, in order to graduate from Darien High School, must acquire a minimum of 22 academic credits as shown in the Credit Distribution Requirements listed in Sections II, III, and IV below. In addition, they must meet the Performance Standards Requirements for Reading, Writing, and Mathematics, as explained in Section V.

Any student who has not met the requirements for graduation may not participate in the graduation ceremony.

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS*	
Area of Study	Credits
English	
Credits Required = 4	
English 9	1
English 10	1
American Literature	1
Senior Literature (designated literature elective)	.5
World Literature Seminar	.5
History & Social Science	
Credits Required = 3.5	
Western Civilization (Grade 9)	1
World Studies (Grade 10)	1
American History (Grade 11)	1
Law & Government (Grade 12)	.5
Laboratory Science	
Credits Required = 2	
Biology (Grade 9)	1
Earth Science or Chemistry (Grade 10)	1
Mathematics	
Credits Required = 3	
Fine and/or Practical Arts	
Credits Required = 1	
Art, Music, Drama, Computers, Technology, Video	
Physical Education/Health	
4 years	
Including Jogging, Weight Training, CPR, and Health	

Elective Credits	Credits Required = 7.5
Total Credits for Graduation	22.0

**Credit earned in any course requires a final course grade of 60 or greater.*

TRANSFER OF CREDITS

A parent who seeks to have academic credits transferred to Darien High School from some other educational program or school must know that Darien High School might not recognize credits for work done outside of the Darien High School program. In order for Darien High School to accept transfer credit for any student enrolling or re-enrolling at Darien High School, including from home schooling, an official transcript from an accredited secondary school or program must be provided that clearly identifies courses and credits awarded by the school, as well as the date when those credits were awarded. Also, Darien High School reserves the right to make the sole determination as to which credits, if any, it will accept for transfer credit. The parent must take heed of these requirements if there is any possibility that in the future the child will enroll or re-enroll at Darien High School and seek academic credit for any or all of a program conducted elsewhere.

It is the parent's responsibility to ascertain in advance that the school or program providing school instruction is accredited as defined in the Administrative Regulations for this policy. Further, if a parent has the intention to seek a Darien High School diploma for his/her child, it is also the parent's responsibility to know of the current graduation requirements of the Darien Board of Education and to monitor the child's program in relation to those requirements. In any event, a Darien High School diploma is awarded only to those students who have fulfilled the graduation requirements, including attendance, as set forth by the Darien Board of Education in Policy HL5.

A copy of the full Administrative Regulations governing this policy can be obtained from the Guidance Office.

ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENT

Students, to be eligible to receive a Darien High School diploma and participate in the graduation ceremony, must have been fully enrolled and meet the attendance requirements of Darien High School for the full and final semester before graduation. This requirement may be waived for seniors whose families moved to Darien after the start of the final semester. Exceptions to this policy may be made by the Superintendent of Schools after reviewing each case with the high school administration.