

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The fundamental purpose of the Scarborough Public Schools is to provide a safe and inclusive learning environment where each and every student is empowered to be a resilient, lifelong learner who is prepared to engage as a contributing member of society. Scarborough High School students will have the opportunity to experience diverse programs that expose, develop and nurture their academic, career and life readiness as they pursue their high school diploma and high-quality post-secondary opportunities.

In order to receive a diploma from Scarborough High School, a student must meet the credit requirements contained in Title 20-A M.R.S.A. §4722, PL 2017, Ch. 127 and this policy.

### **Class of 2020 Requirements**

As a minimum for graduation from Scarborough High School, Class of 2020 prospective graduates must successfully complete a total of 21 credits at the secondary level (grades 9 through 12).

Required credits include the following:

English = 4 credits

Social Studies = 3 credits

Mathematics = 3 credits

Science = 3 credits

Fine Arts = 1 credit

Health = 0.5 credit

Physical Education = 1 credit

Technology = 0.5 credit

Electives = 5 credit

\*Credit is a general term used to describe the successful completion of the course.

### **Class of 2021 and Beyond**

Scarborough High School administration, faculty and staff apply a set of graduation standards and learning goals that align with the content-area standards of the Maine Learning Results. Students are required to take 6 credits in their freshman, sophomore, and junior year to be considered a full-time student at Scarborough High School. Students on pace for graduation may choose to take 5 credits in their senior year.

As a minimum for graduation from Scarborough High School, the prospective graduate must have successfully completed a total of at least 22 credits at the secondary level (grades 9 through 12) in the following areas:

English = 4 credits  
Social Studies = 3 credits  
Mathematics = 3 credits  
Science = 3 credits  
Fine Arts = 1 credit  
Health = 0.5 credit  
Physical Education = 1 credit  
Technology = 0.5 credit  
Electives = minimum of 6 credits

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### **Multiple Pathways and Opportunities**

Scarborough High School offers all students multiple learning options that allow students to demonstrate achievement on expected learning standards, earn academic credit, and satisfy graduation requirements. These options include the following:

- Academic courses offered by the school
- Dual enrollment or early college courses
- Career and technical education programming
- Online or blended learning options
- Alternative or at-risk programming
- Apprenticeships, internships, fieldwork, or exchange experiences
- Independent studies or long-term projects
- Adult education

### **Demonstrating Achievement in Guiding Principles**

The Scarborough High School graduation standards and performance indicators align with the Guiding Principles of the Maine Learning Results.

The Guiding Principles state that each Maine student must leave school as:

1. A clear and effective communicator
2. A self-directed and lifelong learner
3. A creative and practical problem solver
4. A responsible and involved citizen
5. An integrative and informed thinker

The Scarborough Board of Education expects that all students will demonstrate progress in the Guiding Principles upon successful course completion.

### **Credit Recovery Options**

A student who is deficient in the above-listed requirements may meet those requirements through a postgraduate course, an approved Adult Education course (s), an approved summer school program, an approved correspondence course, approved tutoring, and enrichment opportunities, as well as others.

All options must be approved by the principal in advance of registration. Students seeking outside credits must complete the following steps:

- A student must be accepted into the outside program.
- A student must meet with his/her School Counselor to write a proposal to be approved by the building principal.
- After completing the coursework, a student must submit proof of completion to their School Counselor. The student may participate in the next regular graduation ceremony following successful completion of the requirements.

A summary of these requirements will be included in the student handbook and the program of studies.

Legal Reference: Title 20-A, §4722 as referenced in PL 2017  
Ch. 127 (Maine Dept. of Ed. Rules)

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