

# Graduation Requirements

## Credit Requirements

English	4.0
Social Studies (including American Citizenship 1.00 and US History 1.00)	3.0
Mathematics	3.0
Science	3.0
Physical Education	1.0
Health	1.0
World Language	1.0
Humanities* Electives (including Visual/Performing Arts 1.00)	2.0
STEM* Electives (including Computer Literacy 0.50)	3.0
Mastery Based Credit Diploma Assessment	1.0
Additional Electives	3.0
<b>Total Credits Required for Graduation</b>	<b>25</b>

*\*Course designations (“Humanities,” “STEM,” or “EITHER”) are identified for each course in the Program of Studies within the tables under each department\**

**Humanities** courses are those from the fields of History, Literature, Language, and the Visual and Performing Arts which contribute to the development of skills that students require to better participate in and understand the processing and documenting of the human experience which provides students with an opportunity to develop a sense of connection to those who have come before us as well as to their contemporaries. Such skills include: oral and written communication, rational analysis, creative and critical thinking, emotional insight & imagination.

**STEM** courses are those from the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and/or Mathematics which contribute to the development of skills that students require to design solutions to complex problems. Such skills include: asking questions, planning and carrying out investigations, analyzing and interpreting data, using mathematics and computational thinking, constructing explanations, engaging in argument from evidence & obtaining, evaluating and communicating information.

## Performance Graduation Requirements (PGRs)

All Killingly High School students are required to complete PGRs in eight (8) areas:

1. Education/Career Portfolio
2. Use of Computer Technology
3. Persuasive Argument
4. Numeric Problem Solving
5. Oral Communication
6. Reading for Information
7. Response to Literature
8. Community Service (40 hours)

Students must meet both the required credits and achieve mastery in PGRs 1-8. Students may fulfill PGRs through specific courses and through independent completion of tasks.