



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduation from our public schools implies (1) that students have satisfactorily completed the prescribed courses of study for the several grade levels in accordance with their respective abilities to achieve, (2) that they have satisfactorily passed any examinations and/or standards established by the faculty and approved by the Board of Education, and (3) that they have fulfilled the legally mandated number and distribution of credits. Graduation shall not be held until 180 days and 900 hours or actual work is completed.

The principal shall submit to the Board of Education through the superintendent his detailed requirements and standards to agree with the goals of our schools as adopted by the Board of Education. It is expected that the faculty will apply measures of achievement to provide evidence that each student has progressed far enough toward school goals to warrant graduation according to the terms of paragraph #1 above.

The Board of Education, in recognition of its responsibility for the education of all youths in the school system, including those who drop out of school, shall make available to all the school district's students alternative programs for meeting standards that will enable them to acquire a high school or vocational school diploma.

Graduation Requirements:

BOE Approved Graduation Requirements (Beginning with the Class of 2023):

In order to graduate, a student must accumulate at least 25 credits according to the following subject requirements. (Students must also satisfactorily meet the district's performance standard in Language Arts and Mathematics).

1. Nine credits in humanities and the arts. This must include:
 - a. Four credits of English
 - b. Three and one-half credits of history and social sciences including one credit in United States History and one half-credit of Civics.
 - c. One-half credit in the arts.
 - d. An additional credit must be earned in the humanities or the arts. The choices are indicated in the Program of Studies.

2. Nine credits in STEM. This must include:
 - a. Three credits in mathematics.
 - b. Three credits in science including one credit in Biology.

- c. One-half credit in financial literacy.
- d. An additional two and one-half credits must be earned in STEM. The choices are indicated in the Program of Studies.

3. Two and one-half credits of Wellness/Physical Education/Health. This includes full years of PE/Health in grades 9 and 10 and one semester of PE electives in either grade 11 or 12.

4. One credit in World Language.

5. One credit Mastery Based Performance Assessment. The guidelines for this will be published separately in the Program of Studies.

The remaining credits can be earned through any of our courses described in the Program of Studies. All of the credits listed above are to be seen as minimum guidelines for each subject area and not as the maximum.

Legal References

Connecticut General Statutes

01-14n Ninth grade statewide proficiency examination; phaseout. Fourth, Sixth and eighth grade statewide mastery examination.

10-161 Graduation exercises

10-221a High school graduation requirements

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