



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to satisfy the high school graduation requirements within the Regional School District 10 Public Schools, a student must have satisfactorily completed the prescribed courses of study; demonstrated proficiency in basic skills identified by the Region 10 Board of Education (the “Board”); satisfied the legally mandated number and distribution of credits required to graduate from high school; and if graduating in 2025 and thereafter, satisfied the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (“FAFSA”) requirements detailed below.

Graduation Requirements:

The Board conforms with state law regarding credits for graduation from high school.

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.

FAFSA Requirement for Classes Graduating in 2025 and Thereafter

Students graduating in 2025 and beyond are required to have satisfied one of the following prior to graduation:

1. completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (“FAFSA”);
2. for students without legal immigration status, completed and submitted to a public institution of higher education an application for institutional financial aid; or
3. completed a waiver of completion of the FAFSA and/or financial aid application, as applicable, on a form prescribed by the Commissioner of Education, signed by the student’s parent or guardian or signed by the student if the student is eighteen or older.

On and after March 15 of each school year, a principal, school counselor, teacher, or other certified educator may complete the waiver on behalf of any student who has not satisfied the above requirements if such principal, school counselor, teacher, or other certified educator affirms that they have made a good faith effort to contact the parent/guardian or student about completion of such applications.

Legal References:

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-14n

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-16b

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-221a

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-223a

Public Act No. 23-21, “An Act Concerning Financial Literacy Instruction”

Public Act No. 23-204, “An Act Concerning the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2025, and Making Appropriations Therefor, and Provisions Related to Revenue and Other Items Implementing the State Budget”

Public Act No. 23-167, “An Act Concerning Transparency in Education”

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