

COURSE LOAD

The minimum course load for students shall be 7 credits of course work annually.

EXCEPTIONS:

The 7 credits per year requirement may be modified for:

1. Students with disabilities for whom an Individualized Education Plan (I.E.P.) has been approved by the district's Special Education evaluation/placement team;
2. Those individuals in special or unusual circumstances as provided by local school board policy;
3. Students who have earned 20 **or more** credits before their senior academic year are eligible to request a reduced course load of at least 6 credits for the year.

Upon receipt of a written request from the local school board, the Commissioner of Education shall waive a particular graduation requirement and shall permit the local board to award a high school diploma to a student if the Commissioner determines that:

1. Such action is in the best interests of the student; and
2. At least one of the following circumstances exists:
 - a. The student has a debilitating illness which limits school attendance;
 - b. The student has a physical disability which precludes participation in physical education;
 - c. The student moved into a New Hampshire school district from out of state during grade 12 and was not able to schedule a particular graduation requirement; or
 - d. Another condition exists beyond the control of the student similar to the conditions described in a, b, or c.

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