

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to satisfy the high school graduation requirements within Goodwin University Magnet Schools, a student must have satisfactorily completed the prescribed courses of study, demonstrated proficiency in basic skills identified by the Goodwin University Magnet Schools Board of Education and satisfied the legally mandated number and distribution of credits required to graduate from high school.

Required Coursework and Credits for Graduation

The Goodwin University Magnet Schools Board of Education conforms with state law regarding credits for graduation from high school.

Classes Graduating in 2023 and Thereafter

For classes graduating in 2023 and thereafter, the following 25 credits are required:

CT Graduation Requirements	Subjects	Credits	Mandatory Courses or Equivalent
Humanities (9 credits)	English	4	<i>1 English credit each year for 4 years</i>
	Social Studies	3	<i>Civics(.5 credit) and US History (1 credit)</i>
	Fine Arts	1	<i>Art or Music</i>
	Elective	1	<i>1 elective credit in Social Studies, English, World Language, or Fine Arts</i>
STEM (9 credits)	Mathematics	4	-
	Science	3	<i>1 credit in a physical science, 1 credit in a life science, and 1 additional credit in a lab science course</i>
	Technology	1	-
	STEM Elective	1	-
World Language (2 credits)	Spanish	2	<i>* Scholars may meet requirements for Seal of Bi-Literacy on diploma and transcript</i>
	Physical Education	1	

Self-Wellness (2 credits)	Health	1	
Electives (2 credits)	-	2	<i>May be any course in any subject area that is not required for graduation</i>
Mastery Based Diploma (1 credit)	Capstone Experience	1	<i>Senior demonstration project and exhibition</i>
25 credits		25	

Classes Graduating in 2024 and Thereafter

For classes graduating in 2024 and thereafter, the following 25 credits are required:

CT Graduation Requirements	Subjects	Credits	Mandatory Courses or Equivalent
Humanities (9 credits)	English	4	<i>1 English credit each year for 4 years</i>
	Social Studies	3	<i>Civics(.5 credit) and US History (1 credit)</i>
	Fine Arts	1	<i>Art or Music</i>
	Elective	1	<i>1 elective credit in Social Studies, English, World Language, or Fine Arts</i>
STEM (9 credits)	Mathematics	4	<i>Algebra I, Transitions, Geometry, Algebra II, Math elective</i>
	Science	3	<i>3 credits in any physical science, life science, and/or lab science course</i>
	Technology	1	-
	STEM Elective	1	-
World Language (2 credits)	Spanish	2	<i>* Scholars may meet requirements for Seal of Bi-Literacy on diploma and transcript</i>
Self-Wellness (2 credits)	Physical Education	1	
	Health	1	
Electives (2 credits)	-	2	<i>May be any course in any subject area that is not required for graduation</i>
Mastery Based Diploma (1 credit)	Capstone Experience	1	<i>Senior demonstration project and exhibition</i>
25 credits		25	

Classes Graduating in 2027 and Thereafter

For classes graduating in 2027 and thereafter, the following 25 credits are required:

CT Graduation Requirements	Subjects	Credits	Mandatory Courses or Equivalents
Humanities (9 credits)	English	4	<i>1 English credit each year for 4 years</i>
	Social Studies	3	<i>Civics(.5 credit) and US History (1 credit)</i>
	Fine Arts	1	<i>Art or Music</i>
	Elective	1	<i>1 elective credit in Social Studies, English, World Language, or Fine Arts</i>
STEM (9 credits)	Mathematics	4	<i>Algebra I, Transitions, Geometry, Algebra II, Math elective</i>
	Science	3	<i>3 credits in any physical science, life science, and/or lab science course</i>
	Technology	1	-
	STEM Elective	1	-
World Language (2 credits)	Spanish	2	<i>* Scholars may meet requirements for Seal of Bi-Literacy on diploma and transcript</i>
Self-Wellness (2 credits)	Physical Education	1	
	Health	1	
Financial Literacy (.5 credit)	Business, Math, Social Studies, and Family Consumer Science	.5	
Electives (2 credits)	-	2	<i>May be any course in any subject area that is not required for graduation</i>
Mastery Based Diploma (0.5 credits)	Capstone Experience	.5	<i>Senior demonstration project and exhibition</i>
25 credits		25	

A student who presents written documentation from a physician or advanced practice registered nurse stating that participation in physical education is not advisable because of the physical condition of the student, shall be excused from the physical education requirement. In such a case, another subject must be substituted.

Any student who is deaf or hearing impaired may be exempted from any world language graduation requirement if the student's parent or guardian requests such exemption in writing.

A credit is defined as the equivalent of one forty (40) minute class period for each school day of a school year. One-half credit is granted for a course with a forty (40) minute class period each school day for one semester or ninety (90) days.

Only courses taken in grades nine to twelve inclusive, and that are in accordance with the state-wide subject matter content standards, adopted by the State Board of Education, shall satisfy the above graduation requirements, except that the Board will grant a student credit:

High school graduation credit will be granted to students upon the successful demonstration of mastery of subject matter achieved through educational experiences and opportunities that provide flexible and multiple pathways to learning, including:

- Cross-curricular graduation requirements,
- Career and technical education,
- Virtual learning,
- Work-based learning,
- Service learning,
- Dual enrollment and early college
- Courses taken in middle school, and
- Internships and student-designed independent studies;

Provided that such demonstration of mastery is in accordance with such state-wide subject matter content standards.

High school graduation credit will be granted to students for courses successfully completed with a [B] or better in grades seven and eight so long as the primary focus of the course corresponds directly to the subject matter of a specified course requirement at the high school level.

High school graduation credit will be granted to students for World Language courses successfully completed with a [B] or better in grades six, seven or eight. In addition, high school graduation credit will be granted to students for World Language courses successfully completed with a [B] or better, or its equivalent, as determined by the Superintendent or designee, through on-line coursework or upon achievement of a passing grade, as determined by the Superintendent or designee, in a course offered privately through a nonprofit provider.

Full time Status

Students will be enrolled 5 credits per year in order to be considered full time.

Promotion to Next Grade

Students must successfully complete and pass three core classes (Math, English, History or Science) each school year in order to be promoted to the next grade level.

FAFSA Completion

Section 9 of the Act delays by two years, until the graduating class of 2027, the requirement that each student complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid ("FAFSA") or complete a waiver for such requirement in order to graduate. Section 10 of the Act exempts from this requirement students who are (1) enrolled in an incorporated or endowed high school or academy and (2) hold an F-1 visa.

Demonstration of Proficiency in Basic Skills

In addition to meeting the coursework and credit graduation requirements listed above, to graduate high school, each student must demonstrate proficiency in the basic skills.

Reading, Writing and Basic Math

Students may demonstrate proficiency in the basic skills described above by achieving satisfactory results on the following:

Passing 10th and 11th grade coursework: Capstone project, SAT exams.

Graduation During Period of Expulsion

A student may graduate during an expulsion period if the Board determines that the student has completed the necessary credits required for graduation.

Legal References:

Public Act No. 21-144, An Act Implementing Recommendations of the Department of Education

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-14n

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-16b

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-221a

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-223a

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