

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to graduate from Cohasset High School, a student must have earned at least 175 credits and complied with all state accountability requirements as well as achieve a passing grade of 60%.

Course requirements are the following:

A student needs 175 credits to be eligible for a diploma and must complete the equivalent of six major courses (12 terms of study) per year.

In addition, all students must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Each student must achieve a passing grade in English each year for four years, and accrue at least thirty (30) credits;
- Each student must achieve a passing grade in four courses of mathematics, accruing at least twenty (20) credits. Of these four courses, one must be Algebra II;
- Each student must achieve a passing grade in three courses of science, accruing at least seventeen and one half (17.5) credits; these courses must include biology, chemistry and physics.
- Each student must achieve a passing grade in four courses of social studies, accruing at least twenty (20) credits (note: AP US History could count as both US I and US II). Of these four courses, students must pass World History or AP European History, and United States History I and II or AP U.S. History.
- Each student must achieve a passing grade in the equivalent of three courses in World Language, accruing the equivalent of fifteen (15) credits;
- Each student must achieve a passing grade in the equivalent of three quarters of physical education/wellness and two quarters of health education, accruing at least twelve and one half (12.5) credits;
- Each student must achieve a passing grade in three courses in visual and performing arts, accruing at least seven and one half (7.5) credits.

Other requirements may be established by the school administration in relation to the particular program, otherwise the additional credits needed for a graduation may be selected from among elective courses. For the total number of credits required please see the high school program of studies.

LEGAL REFS.: [M.G.L. 69:1D](#)

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