

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION POLICY

To graduate, students must accumulate 22.0 credits. Each full- year course is worth 1.0 credit, each 90 day course is worth 0.5 credits and double period vocational courses at the Technology Centers in Newport and Claremont are worth 2.0 credits.

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| <b>Required Credits.....</b>  | <b>15.5 credits</b>                        |
| English.....  | 4.0 credits                                |
| Social Studies .....  | 3.0 credits                                |
| US History .....  | 1.0 credit                                 |
| Social Studies Elective .....   | 1.0 credits                                |
| (.5 of which must be in World History, Global Studies or Geography. This content is covered by Global Studies)  |  |
| Economics .....   | 0.5 credits                                |
| Civics.....   | 0.5 credits                                |
| Mathematics.....  | 3.0 credits (Classes of 2017 & 2018)       |
| (Starting with the class of 2019 graduates must have an elective credit with math content)                      |  |
| Science.....  | 2.0 credits                                |
| Physical Science .....  | 1.0 credit                                 |
| Biological Science .....  | 1.0 credit                                 |
| Physical Education ....   | 1.0 credit                                 |
| Arts Education .....  | 0.5 credit                                 |
| (Course offerings that fulfill this requirement include: Band, Chorus, Digital Art, CAD, Art I, Ceramics, etc.) |  |
| Health Education .....  | 0.5 credit                                 |
| Computer Literacy.....  | 1.0 credit                                 |
| Introduction to Computers .....   | 0.5 credit                                 |
| Computer Electives.....   | 0.5 credit                                 |
| (Course offerings that fulfill this elective requirement include: CAD, Yearbook and Digital Art)                |  |
| Senior Project .....  | 0.5 credit                                 |
| Required Elective Credits.....  | 6.5 credits (Classes of 2017, 2018 & 2019) |
| (Starting with the class of 2019 graduates must have an elective credit with math content)                      |  |

### Awarding of Credit

A unit of credit or fraction thereof shall be given upon satisfactory completion of a course or learning experience in compliance with the district-specified curriculum and assessment standards. In some cases, course credit may also be awarded based on demonstrated mastery of the required competencies for the course. Assessment of mastery will be the responsibility of the building principal, and will be in accordance with Policy ILBAA, Competency Assessments. Credit will be awarded only once for a specific required course with the same content during the secondary school experience.

### **Alternative Credit Options**

In some cases, credit may be earned through alternative methods outside of regular classroom-based instruction offered by the district schools. Awarding of credits to be applied toward high school graduation will be determined by the high school principal, and will be granted according to the provisions of Policy IMBC, Alternative Credit Options.

### **Passage of Civics Exam:**

The district will develop a competency assessment of United States government and civics, consistent with pertinent and applicable law. This assessment will be administered to students as part of the high school course in history and government of the United States and New Hampshire.

### **Legal Reference:**

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.04(a)(14), Policy Development*  
*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.14(f), Basic Instructional Standards*  
*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.27(d, m), Required Subjects and Unit of Credit for High School Graduation*

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