

INSTRUCTION:**Graduation Requirements/Standards of Proficiency**

The Administration shall submit to the Board of Education through the Superintendent their detailed requirements and standards of proficiency. The faculty will apply both objective and subjective measures of achievement to provide evidence that each student has progressed far enough toward school goals to warrant graduation. Such requirements and standards shall be approved by the Board of Education.

Graduation requirements shall be established by the Board of Education. Any change of the requirements shall be submitted to the Board of Education by the Superintendent or his designee for approval.

Graduation may involve awarding to students a Somers High School Diploma or a Certificate of Completion of a Program of Special Studies. The Board of Education shall award a high school diploma to any World War II veteran, veteran of the Korean hostilities, or Vietnam era requesting such diploma who left high school for military service as defined in the statutes.

Graduation shall not be held until 180 days (minimum 900 hours) of actual schoolwork are completed.

Graduation Requirements:**Credit Distribution Requirement (Classes of 2020 and 2021)**

Subject Area	Credits	Description
English	4	
Social Studies	3	1 each in World Cultures, US History/Civics I and II or AP US History
Science	3	1 each in Freshman Integrated Science, Biology, Electives

Math	3	
Physical Education	1	.5 in grade 9 & .5 in grade 10
Health	.5	.25 credit in grades 11 & 12 and part of PE in grades 9 & 10
Fine Arts	.5	Art or Music
Practical Arts	.5	Practical Arts includes, Food Service, Business, and Technology. (Computer Literacy Requirement also needs to be satisfied. See Course Selection Guide for details)
Electives	6.5	Business, Tech Ed, Family and Consumer Sciences, World Languages: French or Spanish, Arts, etc.
Carnegie Units Total	22	

Credit Distribution Requirement (Beginning with the class of 2022)

Subject Area	Credits	Description
English	4	
Social Studies	3	1 each in World Cultures, US History/Civics 1 and II or AP/UCONN ECE US History
Science	3	1 each in Freshman Integrated

		Science, Biology, Electives
Math	4	
Physical Education	1	.5 in grade 9 & .5 in grade 10
Health	.5	.25 credit in grades 11 & 12 and part of PE in grades 9 & 10
Fine Arts	.5	Art or Music
Practical Arts	.5	Practical Arts includes, Food Service, Business, and Technology. (Computer Literacy Requirement also needs to be satisfied. See Course Selection Guide for details)
Electives	6.5	Business, Tech Ed, Family and Consumer Sciences, World Languages: French or Spanish, Arts, etc.
Carnegie Units Total	23	

Credit Distribution Requirement (Beginning with the class of 2023)

Subject Area	Credits	Description
English	4	
Social Studies	3	1 each in World History, US History/Civics 1 and II or AP/UCONN ECE US History
Science	3	1 each in Integrated Science, Biology, Electives

Math	4	
World Language	1	
Physical Education	1	.5 in grade 9 & .5 in grade 10
Health	.5	.25 credit in grades 11 & 12 and part of PE in grades 9 & 10
Fine Arts	.5	Art or Music
Practical Arts	.5	Practical Arts includes, Food Service, Business, and Technology. Computer Literacy requirement also needs to be satisfied see Course Selection Guide for appropriate course.
Electives	6.5	Business, Tech Ed, Family and Consumer Sciences, World Languages, social sciences, arts, etc...
Capstone Project	1	
Carnegie Units Total	25	

Cross Reference: Policy # [5127](#)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

[10-14n](#) Statewide mastery examination. Conditions for reexamination.
Limitation on use of test results.

[10-16\(l\)](#) Graduation exercises. (As amended by PA 96-108, An Act Concerning Student Use of Telecommunication Devices and the Establishment of Graduation Dates)

[10](#)-221a High school graduation requirements. (As amended by P.A. 00-124, An Act Concerning High School Diplomas and Veterans of World War II, P.A. 00-156, An Act Requiring A Civics Course for High School Graduation, and P.A. 08-138, An Act Concerning High School Credit for Private World Language Courses and Other Subject Areas, P.A. [10](#)-111, An Act Concerning Education Reform in Connecticut and P.A. 11-17, An Act Concerning High School Diplomas to Korean Veterans, P.A. 13-57, An Act Concerning Honorary Diplomas for Vietnam Veterans, P.A. 13-122, An Act Concerning Minor Revisions to the Education Statutes

[10](#)-233(a) Promotion and graduation policies. (as amended by PA 01-166)

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