

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

NEPN/NSBA Code: IKF

NOTE : THE MAINE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION IN ITS RESOLUTION C-19 (ADOPTED 1983) HAS RECOMMENDED MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS WHICH EXCEED THE STATE MANDATES IN SOME AREAS. THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATION AND BOARD SHOULD CONSIDER THESE WHEN DEVELOPING POLICY IN THIS AREA: FOUR YEARS OF ENGLISH, THREE YEARS OF MATHEMATICS, THREE YEARS OF SCIENCE, THREE YEARS OF SOCIAL STUDIES, AND ONE-HALF YEAR OF COMPUTER SCIENCE.

As a minimum for graduation from high school, the prospective graduate must have completed successfully a total of ____ one year course equivalents (credits) at the secondary level (grades 9 through 12).

Twelve and one-half (12-1/2) required credits are specified by the State of Maine. They are:

- A. English - 4 credits;
- B. Social Studies and History, including one year of American History and Government - 2 credits;
- C. Mathematics - 2 credits;
- D. Science, including at least one year of laboratory study - 2 credits;
- E. Fine Arts, which may include art, music, forensics or drama - one credit;
- F. Health - 1/2 credit; and
- G. Physical Education - 1 credit.

In addition, this school board requires the following:

The remaining credits may be selected by the student based upon the student's interests, abilities, and the requirements of the field that the student plans to enter upon graduation.

Students must also demonstrate a knowledge of computer skills according to this local unit's standards for computer literacy, proficiency, and performance.

In order for a student to participate in graduation, the student must have successfully completed all of the above-listed requirements.

A student who is deficient in the above-listed requirements, may meet those requirements through a post-graduate course, a state-approved Adult Education course(s), a state-approved summer school program, or a correspondence course approved by the

principal in advance of registration. The student may participate in the next regular graduation ceremony following successful completion of the requirements.

Students who have accepted an early admission at the collegiate level may graduate with their class if they so inform the high school principal at the time of their acceptance into the early admissions program.

Legal Reference: TITLE 20A MRSA, SEC. 4722
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Cross Reference:

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