

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To receive a high school diploma, students graduating in 2007-2008 (entering ninth grade in 2004-2005 or otherwise intending to graduate in 2007-2008) and thereafter, will be required to meet the District's Content Standards as they relate to the system of Maine Learning Results. Graduation requirements identified in Policy IKF adopted on May 20, 1991 shall continue to apply to students graduating prior to 2007-2008.

In order to receive a high school diploma, students will need to earn 18 credits by receiving passing grades in courses from the following disciplines and demonstrate proficiency in the corresponding Content Standards.

- A. English/Language Arts Earn 4 credits and demonstrate proficiency in the Content Standards.
- B. Social Studies (a) Earn 2.5 credits and demonstrate proficiency in the Content Standards
- C. Mathematics Earn 3 credits and demonstrate proficiency in the Content Standards.
- D. Science (b) Earn 3 credits and demonstrate proficiency in the Content Standards.
- E. Life Skills (c) Earn 1.5 credits and demonstrate proficiency in the Content Standards.
- F. Fine Arts (d) Earn 1 credit and demonstrate proficiency in the Content Standards of the courses selected.
- G. Applied Arts Earn .5 credit and demonstrate proficiency in the Content Standards of the courses selected.
- H. Electives Earn 2.5 credits and demonstrate proficiency in the Content Standards of the courses selected.

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- a) .5 credit of Maine Studies is required for those students who did not complete Maine Studies in grades 6, 7 or 8.
 - b) Students who attend PATHS for two years and graduate from a program offered by PATHS only need to meet a 2 credit requirement.
 - c) Includes 1 credit in Physical Education and .5 credit in Health.
 - d) Art, Theater Arts, Music, Humanities, or other interdisciplinary courses outlined in the Greely High School Course Catalog.

Certificates of Attendance/Unsigned Diplomas

The District does not support the awarding of certificates of attendance or unsigned diplomas. Only students who are eligible to receive a regular diploma under this policy shall be entitled to participate in all graduation activities including the commencement ceremony, except as provided in this paragraph.

- Effective with the 2007 graduating class, upon written request made by the student's parent or guardian to the Principal, a student identified as having a disability under the IDEA who has earned all of the credits required by this Policy but has not yet demonstrated proficiency due to the student's disability as determined by the Pupil Evaluation Team in all of the Content Standards and is therefore not eligible to graduate, may participate in all graduation activities, except receipt of a signed diploma.
- Effective with the 2007 graduating class, upon written request made to the Principal, Foreign Exchange students may participate in all graduation activities, except receipt of a signed diploma.

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