

IKF - HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

A minimum of twenty (20) credits are required to graduate and earn a high school diploma. The required subjects and credits for high school graduation are:

<u>Required Subjects</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Arts Education	½ credit
Information and Communications Technologies demonstrate proficiency	½ credit or
English	4 credits
Mathematics	3 credits*
Physical Sciences	1 credit
Biological Sciences	1 credit
US and NH History	1 credit
US and NH Government/Civics	½ credit
Economics	½ credit
World History, Global Studies, or Geography	½ credit
Health Education	½ credit
Physical Education	1 credits
Open electives	6 credits

*including Algebra credit that can be earned through a sequential, integrated, or applied program

The Board reserves the right to require additional academic requirements necessary to graduate from high school.

Awarding of Credit

Credit will be awarded in accordance with *Policy IK, Earning of Credit*. Additionally, 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 Principal, and will be in accordance with *Policy ILBAA, High School 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

The Superintendent may approve the granting of credit earned through alternative methods outside of regular classroom-based instruction. Such alternative methods of instruction may include extended learning opportunities, distance education, alternative learning plans, or others approved by the Superintendent or designee. Awarding of credits to be applied toward high

school graduation requirements will be determined by the high school Principal on a case-by-case basis. Such credit will be granted pursuant to the provisions of *Policy IMBC, Alternative Credit Options* and other applicable Board policies.

Alternative Learning Plans

As an alternative to satisfying the provisions of this policy and related State requirements, students may also graduate from high school and obtain either a high school diploma or its equivalent by participating in an alternative learning plan or program. The provisions of *Policy IHBI, Alternative Learning Plans*, shall apply in such an event.

Legal References:

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 306.04(a)(14), How Credit Can Be Earned
N.H. Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 306.14(f), Awarding of Credit for Required

Subjects and Open Electives

N.H. Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 306.27(d), Mastery of Required Competencies

N.H. Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 306.27(m), Credits Required for Graduation

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