

# HCSS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS- class of 2023 and beyond

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SUBJECTS	Credits
English Language Arts	24 credits <i>All students must take a core English Course every year</i>
Mathematics	32 credits <i>Including the completion of Algebra II and Geometry. All students must take a math course during their senior year.</i>
Science	12 credits <i>Biology, Chemistry and Physics</i>
History/Social Science	16 credits <i>Including World History I, World History II , US History I , and US History II</i>
Foreign Language	8 credits <i>of the same language in two years</i>
Physical Education	8 credits <i>All students must take PE every year in High School</i>
Additional Electives	60 credits
Senior Research or AP Research	All students must complete either Senior Research or AP Research
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>160 credits</b>

## Notes:

1. The number of credits is calculated based on the number of periods per week.
2. A student can earn a maximum of 160 in campus credits in high school
3. Students may earn extra credit and exceed the school maximum credits by:
  - Dual enrollment courses from colleges approved by school
  - Online college or high school courses approved by school
4. College Courses with a passing score will be awarded credits based on the course.
5. All students must complete 40 hours of volunteer work (Community Service)

The Massachusetts Education Reform Law of 1993, state law, [G.L. c. 69, § 1D](#), requires that all students who are seeking to earn a high school diploma must meet the [Competency Determination \(CD\) standard](#), in addition to meeting all local graduation requirements. (<http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/graduation.html>)

Students must either earn a scaled score of at least 472 on the grade 10 MCAS ELA and 486 on the grade 10 MCAS Mathematics tests, or fulfill the requirements of an Educational Proficiency Plan (EPP).

Students must also earn a scaled score of at least 220 on one of the high school MCAS Science and Technology/Engineering (STE) tests. (or the interim passing standard for next-generation Biology or Introductory Physics)

## Sample Credits for High School

Grade 9	Credits	Grade 10	Credits	Grade 11	Credits	Grade 12	Credits
Algebra I or Geometry H	8	Geometry or Algebra II H	8	Algebra II Pre-Calculus H	8	AP Calculus or PreCalculus or Probability and Statistics	8
ELA 9	6	ELA 10	6	ELA 11 AP Eng Lang	6	ELA 12 or AP Eng Lit	6
Biology or Biology H	4	Chemistry	4	Physics	4	Senior Research or AP Research	4
US History I	4	US History II	4	Global Connections	4	World History	4
PE I	2	PE II	2	PE III	2	PE IV	2
Foreign Language	4	Foreign Language	4	Elective	4	Elective (Introduction to AP Research)	4
Elective	4	Elective	4	Elective	4	Elective	4
Elective	4	Elective	4	Elective	4	Elective	4
Elective	4	Elective	4	Elective	4	Elective	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>