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Graduation Requirements

Pathways for the NMHS Graduate

Two Year College/Career Ready Pathway: Minimum requirement is a high school diploma and attainment of the distribution of credits as prescribed. It is recommended that the student take the most personally challenging course load during their high school tenure and integrate work in the field whenever possible (internships, job shadowing, work, etc.)

Four Year College Pathway: Minimum requirement is a high school diploma and attainment of the distribution of credits as prescribed. Most four-year colleges require that the graduate take four credits in English and math, three credits in science and social studies, and at least two credits in a world language.

Highly Competitive Colleges Pathway: Minimum requirement is a high school diploma and attainment of the distribution of credits as prescribed. Most highly competitive colleges require that the graduate take four credits in English, math, science and social studies, and at least three credits in a world language. It is also highly encouraged that the level of these courses be at the Advanced Placement level and at the very least honors level when available.

To graduate from the New Milford Public Schools, a student must earn a minimum number of credits, fulfill credit distribution requirements and meet district performance standards.

I. Academic credit distribution requirements

A. Students must complete the following credits:

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| Year of Graduation 2020 | 4.0 | English |
| | 4.0 | Mathematics |
| | 3.0 | Social Studies (including 0.5 credit in civics and 1 credit for U.S. history) |
| | 3.0 | Science |
| | 2.0 | Physical Education |
| | 1.0 | Arts (Fine or Practical) |
| | 0.5 | Health |
| | 8.5 | Electives (including 0.5 in humanities and 0.5 in Financial Literacy) |
| | 26.0 TOTAL CREDITS | |

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| | 4.0 | Mathematics |
| | 3.0 | Social Studies (including 0.5 credit in civics and 1 credit for U.S. history) |
| | 3.0 | Science |
| | 1.0 | Physical Education |
| | 1.0 | Arts (Fine or Practical) |
| | 0.5 | Health |
| | 8.5 | Electives (including 0.5 in humanities and 0.5 in Financial Literacy) |
| <hr/> | | 25.0 TOTAL CREDITS |

Commencing with the Class of 2023:

Humanities Cluster: 9 Credits

- No less than 3 credits in English
 - English I, II, III/AP (3 Credits)
- No less than 3 credits in Social Studies
 - Must include 1.0 credit in US History and 0.5 credit in Civics)
 - 1.5 additional credits in Social Studies (See Program of Studies)
- 3 additional credits of student choice (additional English, Social Studies, Level 4 or above in World Language, Art History, History of Jazz, History of American Musical Theater etc.)

STEM Cluster: 9 Credits

- No less than 3 credits in Science
 - Integrated Science, Biology, Chemistry (3 Credits)
- No less than 3 credits in Math (See Program of Studies)
 - Maximum of 1 credit awarded for successful completion (B-/80) of Geometry taken at the middle school
- 3 additional credits of student choice (additional Science, Math, Tech. Ed., Intro to Business, Computer Literacy, Business Computer Applications, Website Design I&II, Intro to Computer Programming, AP Computer Science A, AP Computer Science Principles etc.)

Health & Wellness Cluster: 2 Credits

- 1 credit in Physical Education
- 1 credit in Health & Safety Education
 - Must include 0.5 credit in Health 1
 - Additional 0.5 credit of student choice (*Health 2, Allied Health, Medical Technology, Emergency Medical Technician, Sports Medicine, Early Childhood, Child Development etc.)

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| <p>World Language Cluster: 1 Credit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 credit of any World Language course at New Milford High School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1 credit awarded for successful completion (B-/80) of Part A & Part B of the same World Language course from grades 7 & 8 (Not including Conversational World Language Courses) |
| <p>Electives Cluster: 3 Credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 credit in Practical or Fine Arts (See Program of Studies) ● 0.5 credit in Personal Finance - Required by state law ● 1.5 additional credits of student choice |
| <p>Mastery Based: 1 Credit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 0.5 Credit in Assured Skills Experiences ● 0.5 Credit in Assured Content Experiences |
| <p>25.0 TOTAL CREDITS</p> |

II. Exemptions, modifications, and accommodations

- A. If a physician or advanced practice registered nurse certifies in writing that the physical education requirement is medically contraindicated because of the physical condition of the student, this requirement may be fulfilled by an elective.
- B. Exemptions: modifications and accommodations of graduation requirements will be made for any student with a disability as determined by the planning and placement team or 504 team.
- C. A maximum of two credits (1 credit in Geometry and 1 credit in World Language) may be granted for successful completion of courses taken at the middle school level that align with the high school curriculum.
- D. The Board may permit a student to graduate during a period of expulsion pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 10-233d if the Board determines that the student has satisfactorily completed the necessary credits for graduation.
- E. In accordance with state law, the Board of Education may award a high school diploma to a veteran of World War II, the Korean hostilities, or the Vietnam Era who left high school to serve in the armed forces and did not receive a diploma as a consequence of such service as well as any person who withdrew from high school prior to graduation to work in a job that assisted the war effort during World War II, did not receive a diploma as a consequence of such work and has resided in the state for at least fifty consecutive years.

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Early Graduation

Students may finish in six semesters provided all graduation requirements have been satisfied. Any student interested in being considered for early graduation must notify his/her counselor of his/her intentions no later than the end of the student's fifth semester. Students applying for early graduation must obtain the Early Graduation Policy statement and related application form from the Guidance Office and take course no. 990.

| Course No. | Course | Prerequisites |
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| 990 | Early Graduation | By Special Arrangement Only |

(cf. 5121 - Examination/Grading/Rating)

(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)

(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)

(cf. 6141.4 – Independent Study)

(cf. 6146.2 – Statewide Proficiency/Mastery Examinations)

(cf. 6172.6 – Virtual/Online Courses/College/University Courses)

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| Legal reference: | Connecticut General Statutes |
| 10-14n | State-wide mastery examination |
| 10-161 | Establishment of graduation date |
| 10-18 | Courses in United States history, government and duties and responsibilities of citizenship |
| 10-19 | Teaching about alcohol, nicotine or tobacco, drugs and acquired immune deficiency syndrome |
| 10-221a | High school graduation requirements |
| 10-223a | Promotion and graduation policies. Basic skills necessary for graduation, assessment process |
| Public Act No. 17-42 | An Act Concerning Revisions to the High School Graduation Requirements |

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