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Policy 582: Graduation Requirements High School

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1. To graduate from Shrewsbury High School, a student must earn a minimum of 105 credits to satisfy the requirements of the Shrewsbury Public Schools and also meet requirements for graduation as required by state law and policy regarding the Competency Determination to earn a high school diploma from a Massachusetts public high school (see Policy 583).

2. The specific graduation credit and coursework requirements are illustrated below:

All students must earn at least the following credits:

20 credits in English	10 credits in Physical Education
15 credits in Social Sciences	3.75 credits in Health
15 credits in Math	2.5 credits in Fine or Performing Arts
15 credits in Science	23.75 credits in Electives

Within the stated credits, students must earn a specific number of credits in the following courses:

Subject Area	Total # of Credits Required for Graduation	Specific Courses Required for Graduation
English	20	English 9—5 credits
		English 10—5 credits
		English 11—5 credits
		English 12—5 credits
Social Sciences	15	U.S. History I—5 credits
		U.S. History II—5 credits
Math	15*	*four years of math is required for acceptance into Massachusetts public university or colleges

Science	15	---
Health	3.75	Health 9: Wellness – 1.25 credits Health 10: Healthy Living – 1.25 credits Health 11: Lifelong Health – 1.25 credits
Physical Education	10	Grade 9 PE—2.5 credits
		Grade 10 PE—2.5 credits
		Grade 11 PE—2.5 credits
		Grade 12 PE—2.5 credits (*1.25 for Seniors who participate in an a school sponsored internship)
Fine or Performing Arts	2.5	---
Electives	23.75	---

A semester of work in a course that meets daily earns 2.5 credits; a full year's work in a course that meets every day earns 5 credits. Freshmen and sophomores must carry a minimum of 31.25 credits. Juniors must carry a minimum of 31.25 credits and seniors must carry a minimum of 30 credits.

Only credits earned in grades 9-12 may be applied to graduation requirements. In order to participate in graduation, **ALL** requirements must be met. In addition, a senior must remain in good standing throughout senior year and pass four full credit courses (2.5 credits per semester) for the second semester. Courses that are graded on a Pass/Fail basis are not included toward the four unless stipulated on an IEP or by prior administrative agreement. Seniors who do not successfully complete the requirements for a diploma or certificate of attainment are not allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.

References:

Policy 583

MGL Chapter 69, Section 1D