

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION**

## Academic Requirements:

A minimum of 22.5 credits is required for Goffstown High School graduation.

All students in Grades 9, 10, and 11, must be enrolled in a least 6 credit bearing courses each semester. Seniors who enroll in less than 5 credits must have administrative and parent approval.

## Required credits:

- 4 credits in English
- 3 credits in Mathematics (including algebra credit that can be earned through a sequential or applied program)
- 3 credits in Science (1 in physical, 1 in biological science, ½ in earth science, and ½ in space science)
- 3 credits in Social Studies\* (½ in US and NH government/civics; ½ in Economics; 1 in U.S. and NH History; ½ in World History, global studies or geography; ½ electives).
- 1 credit in Physical Education
- ½ credit in Fine Arts (from the visual or performing arts)
- ½ credit or demonstrate proficiency in information and communication technologies
- ½ in Health Education
- 7 elective credits

\*Actual course titles may be worded differently but contain all required credit elements. A student may be granted a maximum of ½ credit for Physical Education towards the 1 credit requirement for graduation if he/she participates in a school sponsored interscholastic sport for one (1) complete season.

Further a student may be granted a maximum of ½ credit for Fine Arts for participating in a school play or musical theater production.

To enter into the sophomore class a student must have 5½ or more credits, and to enter into the junior class a student must have 11 or more credits. A student must have a total of 16½ credits at the end of the junior year in order to be placed in a senior homeroom and be eligible for senior privileges. A senior must complete all graduation requirements in order to participate in graduation exercises, unless granted special permission for extenuating circumstances.

**Legal References:**

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.04(a)(14), Providing Alternative Means*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.04(a)(16), Tracking Achievement*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.04(a)(25), Graduation Competencies/Content Area*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.04(a)(26), Graduation Competencies*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.14(f), Basic Instructional Standards*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.27(d), Mastery of Required Competencies*

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