

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Beginning with 9th grade, progress toward graduation depends upon the accumulation of credits. One hundred and sixteen (116) credits are required for graduation. All students must have passed the State MCAS assessment to be eligible for a high school diploma. The educational program for students is checked to make certain that each student has adequate credits to progress with his/her class. Although the school guidance counselors closely monitor the accumulation of course credits for graduation, students and parent(s)/guardian(s) have the ultimate responsibility to track total credits and meet graduation requirements.

The School Committee expects that all students will meet the requirements to graduate from Littleton High School in order to receive a diploma.

As per policy, the principal will grant such a diploma to all students who have successfully completed the graduation requirements as outlined in this policy and in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws.

LITTLETON HIGH SCHOOL'S GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

116 credits

Minimum course requirements for graduation are as follows:

English	4 years	20 credits
Mathematics	4 years	20 credits
Science	3 years	15 credits
History and Social Sciences	3 years	15 credits
World Language	2 years	10 credits
Health and Wellness	4 years	12.5 credits
Fine & Performing Arts	1 year	5 credits
Electives	9 semesters	17.5 credits

Electives may be selected from the following areas:

English	Fine and Performing Arts
Mathematics	Digital Media
Science	Music
History and Social Sciences	World Language
Health and Wellness	Approved online learning programs
Dual Enrollment programs	

Community Service: 50 hours of service over four years to be completed prior to May 1st of the year of graduation – 1 credit

COURSE LOAD:

All students are required to select and maintain enrollment in a minimum of six, 5-credit courses or their equivalent, and carry a minimum of 30 credits. Any exception to this minimum requirement must be approved by the principal and will normally restrict the student from participation in athletics and other co-curricular activities. Students should carry a full course load to be eligible to participate in co-curricular activities such as athletics, drama, student government or any team, club or squad where they represent the school.

Alternative or personalized courses of study may be recommended and approved by the principal for students with special circumstances: Individualized Education Plans, medical issues, advanced coursework, significant prior experiences, and transfer credits. The high school principal may grant an exemption to the graduation requirements, except for the state MCAS requirements, after consultation with the student, parent(s)/guardian, appropriate teacher(s), and guidance counselor.

SOURCE: Littleton High School Program of Study

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