

**POLICY RELATING TO EDUCATION**

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Students who graduate from Wachusett Regional High School shall be prepared to enter college or the work force.

Credit Requirements:

Minimum requirements for graduation shall be as follows:

English	20 credits
Social Studies, including U.S. History, U.S. Government	15 credits
Mathematics	15 credits
Science	15 credits
Physical Education/Health	10 credits
Foreign Language (same language)	
<i>OR</i>	10 credits
Specific Partnership Program	
Fine Arts	5 credits
Electives	<u>20 credits</u>
	110 credits

Students must schedule at least five (5) full credit courses each semester and must earn a minimum of one hundred ten (110) credits for graduation. Full credit semester courses meet five (5) times per week and earn two and one-half (2 1/2) credits per semester; full credit, full-year courses meet five (5) times per week and earn five (5) credits per year. Students shall be encouraged to take course work beyond the one hundred ten (110) credits required to meet the District minimum. All students must comply with the Massachusetts Department of Education Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) regulations prior to receiving a diploma.

Technology Skills:

All students shall be required to demonstrate their ability to apply technology in order to acquire, analyze, and communicate information as determined by standards established by the District.

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Writing Skills:

The District shall develop writing standards that shall be met by all students prior to graduation. Standards shall include the preparation of a writing sample to be evaluated according to District standards.

Special Education Students:

Graduation of students with Individual Education Plans (IEPs) shall be governed by the requirements of said plans.

Credit for Foreign Study:

Students who are away for a semester or a year to participate in a student exchange program, or otherwise study abroad, may receive credits toward high school graduation when:

1. Study plans are approved by the District in advance.
2. The institution where the study occurs submits a record of the student's work. In such instances, the District will evaluate the work and assign credit for it according to District standards.

Credit for Transfer Students:

The District shall determine credit for transfer students based on the appropriateness of said student's previous program as compared to District standards.

Summer School:

Credit earned in an approved summer school program may be applied toward graduation requirements. Students seeking such credits must receive District approval prior to taking the course.

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Recognition:

The Wachusett Regional School District shall develop recognition events for outstanding performance of graduates in the areas of academic studies, extra-curricular activities, and/or community service.

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