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Graduation Requirements

Graduation from our public schools attests (1) that graduates have satisfactorily completed the prescribed courses of study, and (2) that they have satisfactorily met those standards established by the faculty and state and approved by the Board of Education, (3) that they have fulfilled the legally mandated number and distribution of credits, and (4) that they have successfully demonstrated the performance expectations identified by the Middletown Board of Education in compliance with the legislature's HB 01-166.

After April first in any school year, the Board may establish a firm graduation date for the school year which, at the time of such establishment, provides for at least 180 days of school.

The Board of Education in compliance with state regulations shall require twenty-two (22) credits (*twenty-five (25) credits beginning with the class of 2021*) for graduation from high school. A credit is defined as the equivalent of at least a 40-minute class period for each school day of a school year. The following twenty-two (22) credits (*twenty-five (25) credits beginning with the class of 2021*) are necessary. Please note that the administration may make appropriate adjustments for transfer students.

English	4 credits (<i>including 1 English 9 credit and 1 English 10 credit</i>) <i>beginning with the class of 2021</i> 4 credits (<i>including 1 English 9 credit and 1 English 10 credit</i>)
Mathematics	3 credits (<i>including 1 credit in Algebra I and 1 credit in Geometry</i>) <i>beginning with the class of 2021</i> 4 credits (<i>1 credit Algebra I, 1 credit Geometry, 1 credit Algebra II or Statistics</i>)
Science	3 credits (<i>including 1 credit in biology or four years enrollment in the Agricultural Science and Technology program</i>) <i>beginning with the class of 2021</i> 3 credits (<i>including 1 credit in biology, 1 credit Physical Science or four years enrollment in the Agricultural Science and Technology program</i>)
Social Studies	3.5 credits (<i>including 1 credit in United States History and .5 credit in civics</i>)
Physical Education/Wellness	2.0 credits 4 semesters

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Vocational/Fine Arts	1 credit
Fine Arts <i>beginning with the class of 2021</i>	1 credit
Electives	5.5 credits
<i>beginning with the class of 2021</i>	1.5 credits
World Language <i>beginning with the class of 2021</i>	2 credits
STEM <i>beginning with the class of 2021</i>	1 credit
Career and Life Skills <i>beginning with the class of 2021</i>	1.5 credits
Humanities <i>beginning with the class of 2021</i>	.5 credit
Senior Demonstration Project <i>beginning with the class of 2021</i>	1 credit
Total Credits through Class of 2020	22 credits
Total Credits <i>beginning with the Class of 2021</i>	25 credits

Community Service Requirement

Each student is required to complete twenty (20) hours of community service prior to graduation.

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Performance Expectations

In addition to earning course credits as outlined, Middletown High School students must demonstrate a level of proficiency for specific learner outcomes in English, mathematics, science, and social studies consistent with Common Core State Standards (CCSS).

Students must satisfy four (*five beginning with the class of 2021*) requirements for graduation:

- successfully obtain twenty-two (22) credits (*25 credits beginning with the class of 2021*) in **required areas of study**;
- perform twenty (20) hours of community service;
- attain proficiency in CAPT;
- attain proficiency in SAT; and
- (*beginning with the class of 2021*) - **create a senior demonstration project or its equivalent.**

Students may demonstrate this level of proficiency in the following ways:

1. If a student demonstrates proficiency on the CAPT science and SAT, he/she will automatically meet the graduation requirement for performance in the related academic area. (i.e., English, mathematics, science, and social studies)
2. Students who fail to demonstrate the required proficiency in a particular discipline may enroll in Middletown High School summer program to develop and demonstrate proficiency in that discipline. The summer work reflecting proficiency standards will become part of their portfolios to be reviewed by a team of assessors.
3. The Board of Education may grant students high school credit for successful completion of coursework earned from an accredited institution of higher learning taken either during the school year or summer months.

Exemptions

Special Needs: Students with special needs may be exempt from district performance standards as described in this policy if so indicated in their Individual Education Plans.

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High School Diplomas and Veterans

The Board of Education shall award a high school diploma to any World War II Veteran or Veteran of the Korean Hostilities or Vietnam Era requesting such diploma who left high school for military service as defined in the statutes.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-5c Board examination series pilot program. Issuance of certificate (as amended by P.A. 13-247)

10-14n State-wide mastery examination. Conditions for reexamination. Limitation on use of test results. (as amended by Section 115 of PA 14-217)

10-16(l) Graduation exercises. (As amended by P.A. 96-108, An Act Concerning Student Use of Telecommunication Devices and the Establishment of Graduation Dates)

10-221a High school graduation requirements. (As amended by P.A. 00-124, An Act Concerning High School Diplomas and Veterans of World War II, P.A. 00-156, An Act Requiring A Civics Course for High School Graduation, P.A. 08-138, An Act Concerning High School Credit for Private World Language Courses and Other Subject Areas, P.A. 10-111, An Act Concerning Education Reform in Connecticut, P.A. 11-135, An Act Concerning Implementation Dates for Secondary School Reform, P.A. 13-57, An Act Concerning Honorary Diplomas for Vietnam Veterans, P.A. 13-122, An Act Concerning Minor Revisions to the Education Statutes and P.A. 13-247, Budget Implementer Bill. and P.A. 15-237, An Act Concerning High School Graduation.)

10-233(a) Promotion and graduation policies. (as amended by PA 01-166)

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Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes (continued)
P.A. 13-108, An Act Unleashing Innovation in Connecticut Schools.
P.A. 13-247, An Act Implementing Provisions of the State Budget.
P.A. 15-237, An Act Concerning High School Graduation.)

Graduation Requirements can be found on the District Website
www.middletownschools.org

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