

Instruction

Graduation Requirements/Standards of Proficiency

Basic Information

Commencing with the class of 2021, in order to graduate and be granted a diploma students must satisfactorily complete (1) a minimum of twenty- five credits, including not fewer than: (A) Nine credits in Humanities, including not fewer than (i) four credits in English, including composition;(ii) three and one-half credits in Social Studies, including at least one credit in American History and at least one-half credits in civics and American government;(iii) one credit in Fine Arts; and (iv) one credit in a humanities elective; (B) eight credits in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, including not fewer than (i) four credit in mathematics, including algebra I, geometry, and algebra II or probability and statistics; (ii) three credits in science, including at least one credit in life science and at least one credit in physical science; and (iii) one credit in science, technology, engineering and mathematics elective; (C) three and one-half credits in career and life skills, including not fewer than (i) one credit in physical education;(ii) one half credit in health and safety education, as describe in section 10-16b; and (iii) two credits in career and life skills electives, such as career and technical education, English as a second language, community service, personal finance, public speaking and nutrition and physical activity; (D) two credits in world languages, subject to provisions under guideline 6; and (E) a one credit senior demonstration project or its equivalent, as approved by the State Board of education; and (2) end of year examination for the following courses: (A) Algebra I, (B) geometry, (C)biology, (D) American history, and (E) grade ten English.

All courses offered on a regular daily basis for two semesters carry 1 unit of credit. Courses offered on a regular daily basis for a semester carry .5 credit.

Guidelines

- These minimum credit requirements are prerequisite to students' being promoted to the next grade:

to Grade 10	-	5 credits
	<i>beginning with the class of 2021</i>	6 credits
to Grade 11	-	9 credits
	<i>beginning with the class of 2021</i>	12 credits
to Grade 12	-	15 credits
	<i>beginning with the class of 2021</i>	18 credits

Any student who transfers to Middletown High School will be placed based on the number of credits earned and courses taken at the sending school. These criteria will determine the appropriate grade assignment for the newly enrolled student.

- The required number of credits a student must take is 5 per year (**6 per year beginning with the class of 2021**) unless a prior-arranged program is developed and approved by the principal.

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3. Independent study programs are encouraged but prior approval must be secured from the principal who will review the suggested program, assign advisor, and designate credit to be awarded.
4. Cooperative Work Experience:

Students enrolled in either CWE-BOE, CEW-DO, or SWE-DE can earn no more than 2 credits toward graduation in Work Experience.
5. Students may earn up to 6 credits during their junior and senior years at an institution accredited by the Department of Higher Education or a regionally accredited institution. These credits will be applied toward the student's graduation requirement. Upon receipt of a certified transcript and successful completion of all Middletown High School graduation requirements, the student may be allowed to participate in Middletown High School graduation ceremonies.
6. Students passing Algebra I in Grade 8 and *beginning with the class of 2021 the equivalent of Level I in* a world language offered in Grade 7 & 8 will receive high school course credit towards graduation.
7. Students will create and maintain a student success plan that shall include evidence of a student's career and academic choices.
8. *Beginning with the class of 2021, students that successfully complete and document 50 or more hours of community service and meet statutory criteria will earn one-half credit toward graduation. The State Board of Education shall award a community service recognition award to any student who satisfactorily completes 50 hours or more of community service.*
9. A student shall be excused from the physical education requirement upon presentation of a certificate from a physician or advanced practice registered nurse indicating that participation in physical education is medically contradicted because of the student's condition. However, alternate assignments must be satisfactorily completed to earn credit.

Tutoring

Under certain situations, a student may be granted credit based on work with a tutor. The following requirements must be met:

1. Prior approval of the tutor by the principal. The tutor should possess qualifications comparable to a regular teacher wherever possible.
2. Prior approval of the course(s) by a teacher and/or instructional leaders.

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Early Graduation

A student may graduate from high school upon completion of the Board of Education requirements provided that the program has been approved by the building principal at least one semester in advance of expected date of completion.

The diploma will be given at the next graduation ceremonies following the completion of the credits.

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