

CODE: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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In order to graduate from Southwick Regional School, a student must have earned at least 150 credits. Course requirements are the following:

Students must successfully complete:

<u>COURSE(S)</u>	<u>Credits</u>
English (<i>English 9, 10, 11, 12</i>)	20
Social Studies (<i>World History, US I, US in the Mod. World, Govt</i>)	20
Science	15
Mathematics	20
World Language	10
Applied Arts	10
Fine Arts	10
Physical Education*	10-15
Health	5
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	Required Credits: 125
Electives	25
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	TOTAL CREDITS TO GRADUATE: 150

*Alternative Physical Education Course:

All students must take PE every year 9-12. Students will earn 10-15 credits dependent upon their academic program. A student in Grade 11 or Grade 12 who needs to explore an alternative Physical Education course due to unique scheduling issues must meet with his/her School Counselor to review options. The need for this option could be necessitated by either vocational or academic requirements. Approval from the Guidance Director and the Principal is required.

In addition, the Massachusetts Department of Education requires that all students pass the MCAS exams in English, ~~and~~ Math and Science. Students who meet the district graduation requirements and have not passed the required MCAS exams will receive a certificate of attainment.

To participate in the Graduation Ceremony, a student must be receiving a diploma, certificate of attainment or a special education certificate of completion (Exception: Foreign Exchange students may participate and receive a certificate of attendance).

Early Graduation: A student who has completed the courses required for graduation, passed the MCAS exams and who has earned the required number of credits for graduation by the end of the junior year may apply for early graduation. Written permission for early graduation must be secured from parents/guardians, the guidance/school counselor and the principal and be submitted for approval to the Superintendent of Schools. Notice of the request for early graduation must be submitted to administration no later than one semester prior to the graduation date.

Credit for Foreign Study: Students who are away for a term or 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 in advance by the school administration; and (2) the institution where the study occurred submits a record of the student's work. In these instances, the principal and student's guidance counselor will evaluate the work and assign credit for it according to standards prevailing in Southwick-Tolland Regional High School.

SOURCE: MASC Policy