

**Graduation Requirements/Standards of Mastery**

The Wallingford Board of Education shall approve all graduation requirements. Any student who has fulfilled the Board of Education approved graduation requirements and has satisfied all financial obligations shall be granted a diploma.

Transfer credits toward requirements for graduation shall be granted upon approval of the Principal or designee as follows:

1. Credits earned at a public high school prior to registration in Wallingford Public Schools.
2. Credits earned prior to registration at Wallingford Public Schools at a private school approved by the Connecticut State Department of Education or the Department of Education in the school's home state.
3. Credits for courses receiving prior approval from the high school Principal when taken at a secondary school or institution of higher learning.
4. Credits for courses passed during participation in an overseas program.

A diploma from Wallingford Public Schools shall not be granted to a student unless the student is enrolled at the time of graduation.

**For the classes graduating in 2015-2019, the following 25 credits are required:**

- A. English – 4 credits
- B. Mathematics – 3 credits including (1) credit in algebraic concepts
- C. Science – 3 credits in laboratory courses
- D. Social Studies – 3 credits including at least .5 credit in Civics/U.S. Government & Politics and 1 credit in US History
- E. Physical Education – 2 credits  
*(Note: A student who presents written documentation from a doctor stating that participation in physical education is not advisable shall be excused from the physical education requirement; however another subject must be substituted.)*
- F. Health – .5 credit
- G. Arts/Vocational Education – 1 credit
- H. Community Service Hours – 30 hours beginning in the summer following grade 8 and to be completed by the end of grade 12
- I. The district shall assess each student's competency in the basic skills necessary for graduation by considering performance standards which include, but do not exclusively rely

on, the student's results on the state mastery examination taken in grade ten or eleven.

## **INSTRUCTION**

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Note: Beginning with the class of 2018, students who successfully complete a world language at one of the Wallingford Public Middle Schools will be awarded one (1.0) credit towards graduation on entering a Wallingford Public High School in ninth grade.

Beginning with the class of 2019, students who successfully complete Algebra at one of the Wallingford Public Middle Schools and continue their study of mathematics with Geometry will be awarded one (1.0) credit towards mathematics graduation requirements on entering a Wallingford Public High School in ninth grade.

For students who have not successfully completed the assessment criteria to reach a satisfactory level of competency prior to graduation the district shall identify a plan of action in order to assist those students in achieving a satisfactory level of competence prior to graduation.

**Legal References:** Connecticut General Statutes  
10-221a – High School Graduation Requirements

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