

**High School Graduation Exit Criteria**

**High School Graduation Exit Criteria for Graduating Classes of 2016 through 2019**

To complete the graduation requirements and receive a high school diploma from the City of Waterbury Public Schools, a student must take the Science CAPT (Science Connecticut Academic Performance Test) in Grade 10, and SB (Smarter Balanced) or CTAA (Connecticut Alternative Assessment) in grade 11 to satisfy the State Department of Education requirements for the core subjects, and complete the Waterbury Board of Education policy (High School Grading/QPR - #6146.1) for the attainment of 22 Carnegie Units.

In the event that the student does not meet the Exit Criteria goal on CAPT or SB or CTAA established by the Board of Education, the student will meet with his/her Guidance Counselor to determine an appropriate course of action for meeting graduation requirements.

| <b>Graduation Requirements 22 credits</b> |   |
|---|---|
| 4.0                                       | English   |
| 3.0                                       | Mathematics                                     |
| 2.0                                       | Science   |
| 3.0                                       | Social Studies<br>(1.0 US History & 0.5 Civics) |
| 1.0                                       | Physical Education<br>(0.5 Health)              |
| 1.0                                       | Arts and/or Vocational Education                |
| 8.0                                       | Open Electives                                  |

A student must earn five (5) Carnegie units to be promoted to the 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

A student must earn ten (10) Carnegie units and have completed the 10<sup>th</sup> grade to be promoted to the 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

A student must earn fifteen (15) Carnegie units and have completed three (3) years of high school to be promoted to the 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Twenty-two (22) Carnegie Units and completion of four (4) years of high school are required for graduation. All students must follow the core curriculum as outlined by the Board of Education. *Further, if a student has credits withheld due to unexcused absences, in accordance with the Board of Education attendance policy, those credits are declared unearned credits.*

| <b><u>Carnegie Units</u></b> | <b><u>Meeting Times</u></b> | <b><u>C.U.'s Earned</u></b> |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Extended courses             | 15 periods/per week         | 3.0 c.u.                    |
| Extended courses             | 10 periods/per week         | 2.0 c.u.                    |
| Lab Sciences courses         | 6 periods/per week          | 1.2 c.u.                    |
| Regular courses              | 5 periods/per week          | 1.0 c.u.                    |
| Elective courses             | 4 periods/per week          | .8 c.u.                     |
| ½ year courses               | 5 periods/per week          | .5 c.u.                     |
| ½ year courses               | 4 periods/per week          | .4 c.u.                     |

**High School Graduation Exit Criteria, continued**

**High School Graduation Exit Criteria for the Graduating Class of 2020 and Beyond**

To complete the graduation requirements and receive a high school diploma from the City of Waterbury Public Schools, a student must take the Science CAPT (Science Connecticut Academic Performance Test) in Grade 10, and SB (Smarter Balanced) or CTAA (Connecticut Alternative Assessment) in grade 11 to satisfy the State Department of Education requirements for the core subjects, and complete the Waterbury Board of Education policy (High School Grading/QPR - #6146.1) for the attainment of 25 Carnegie Units (Graduation Cohorts 2020 and beyond).

In the event that the student does not meet the Exit Criteria goal on CAPT or SB or CTAA established by the Board of Education, the student will meet with his/her Guidance Counselor to determine an appropriate course of action for meeting graduation requirements.

| College & Career Ready 25 credits |                        | Career & Life Skills 25 credits |                                |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 4.0                               | English                | 4.0                             | English                        |
| 4.0                               | Mathematics            | 4.0                             | Mathematics                    |
| 3.0                               | Science                | 3.0                             | Science                        |
| 3.0                               | Social Studies         | 3.0                             | Social Studies                 |
| 1.5                               | Physical Education     | 1.5                             | Physical Education             |
| 1.0                               | Fine Arts              | 1.0                             | Fine Arts                      |
| 1.0                               | Educational Technology | 1.0                             | Educational Technology         |
| 3.0                               | World Languages        | 2.0                             | Career & Life Skills Electives |
| 3.0                               | Open Electives         | 4.0                             | Open Electives                 |
| 1.5                               | Capstone Experience    | 1.5                             | Capstone Experience            |

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A student must earn fifteen (15) Carnegie units and have completed three (3) years of high school to be promoted to the 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Twenty-five (25) Carnegie Units and completion of four (4) years of high school are required for graduation. All students must follow the core curriculum as outlined by the Board of Education. *Further, if a student has credits withheld due to unexcused absences, in accordance with the Board of Education attendance policy, those credits are declared unearned credits.*

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## **High School Graduation Exit Criteria, continued**

*(NOTE: Graduating Class is defined as a group of students who started ninth grade for the first time and are expected to graduate in four years. For example, if a student started as a freshman in 2015 then their expected graduating class would be 2019.)*

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-14n Statewide mastery examination. Conditions for reexamination. Limitation on use of test results.

10-16(l) Graduation exercises. (As amended by PA 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, and P.A. 08-138, An Act Concerning High School Credit for Private World Language Courses and Other Subject Areas.

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



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