

DARTMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE POLICIES

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All students must have 28 credits to be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony with their class. In order to receive a diploma from a public high school in Massachusetts, a student must satisfy the requirements of the issuing institution as well as pass the required portions of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) Test. Seniors are expected to carry four major courses as designated on the Program of Studies Worksheet or as needed to meet a graduation requirement.

<i>Requirements for Graduation, Class 2015</i>		
<i>CREDITS</i>	<i>COURSES</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
4	<i>English</i>	
3	<i>Math (Algebra 1 Part 1 & Part 2 count as one math)</i>	
3	<i>Social Studies (2 US History & 1 World History)</i>	
3	<i>Science & Technology** (Bio1 or Bio 2 count as 1 Science)</i>	
1	<i>Freshman Seminar with PC Applications</i>	
1	<i>The Arts</i>	
2	<i>Physical Education (4 courses)</i>	
.5	<i>Health Decisions</i>	
1	<i>PC Applications* (not required class of 2014, 2015)</i>	
<i>*Credit from another computer course in the Business Information Technologies Department can waive the PC Applications requirement if the student first passes THE FINAL EXAM OF PC APPLICATIONS</i>		
<i>**Only 1 credit from a Technology Education course can be applied toward the science graduation requirement.</i>		
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<i>Requirements for Graduation Class of 2016 (Mass Core)</i>		
<i>CREDITS/UNITS (1 Credit=1 Unit)</i>	COURSES	28 Credits to Graduate and students must pass their competency determination as dictated by the state
<i>4 Units</i>	English	
<i>4 Units</i>	Mathematics	
<i>3 Units</i>	Lab-based Science	
<i>3 Units</i>	History/Social Science	
<i>2 Units</i>	The Same Foreign Language	
<i>1 Unit 1 Unit 2 Units .5 Unit</i>	The Arts Freshman Seminar Physical Education Health Education	
<i>5 Additional "Core" Courses</i>	Business Education Career and Technology Education And/or Technology Or any other above subject	
<i>Additional Learning Opportunities Including:</i>	AP Classes Dual Enrollment A Senior Project Online courses for high school or college credit Service or work-based learning	

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