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GRADUATION

Graduation from our public schools implies that students have satisfactorily completed the prescribed courses of study for the several grade levels in accordance with the State of New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules (Ed. 306.27m) standards for credit and course requirements and in accordance with their respective abilities to achieve and that they have satisfactorily passed any examinations and other requirements set by the faculty. In addition, students shall have maintained a satisfactory record of citizenship during their progression through the instructional program of the schools.

The faculty will establish their detailed requirements to agree with the goals of our schools as adopted by the board. It is expected that insofar as possible the faculty will apply measures of achievement to provide evidence that each student has progressed far enough toward school goals to warrant his/her graduation according to the terms of the above paragraph.

At the beginning of the final examination period, students who are expected to earn all credits by the end of their senior year, as determined by the principal, may be allowed to participate in graduation and commencement exercises. If, after final exams, such students fall short in their credit requirements, they will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony. The deficiencies must be correctable no later than the beginning of the fall school term which immediately follows in order to receive their same year diploma. Total required credits for graduation are 22.

The staff will arrange each spring for appropriate awards and recognition programs and graduation exercises. There will be no formal graduation exercises for elementary and middle schools.

The following credit hour distributions are required for graduation and must be successfully completed to earn an Oyster River High School diploma:

English	4 credits
Social Studies	2 ½ credits
Mathematics	3 credits
Science	2 credits
Physical Education	1 credits
Health Education	½ credit
Fine and Practical Arts	½ credit
Economics	½ credit
Computer Science	½ credit
Electives	7.5 credits

Note: 14 of the 22 credits must be achieved in ORCSD courses. Transfer students and other accredited high school courses will be reviewed on a case by case basis at the discretion of the building principal or designee.

Electives – Each student shall elect the remainder of credits from among electives suited to individual needs, interests, abilities, and plans for the future.

Cross Reference:

- IHBH,R,R1,R2 – Extended Learning Opportunities
- IHBI – Alternative Learning Plan
- IKAA – Interdisciplinary Credit Toward Graduation
- ILBAA – High School Graduation Competencies
- IMBD – High School Credit for 7/8 Grade Advanced Coursework