



Attention: Tim Piwowar, Superintendent of Schools
From: Amy Davenport, Westwood High School Principal
Tanya Ferguson, Math Department Chair
Chris Hilton, Social Studies Department Chair
Kate Holmes, English Department Chair
Emily Kessel, Student Services Department Chair
Re: Proposed Changes to Westwood High School Graduation Requirements
Date: April 10, 2024

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (Policy IKFA)

“The College Preparatory Program of Studies is a pattern of courses designed to prepare students for admission to a four-year college or university. Almost all students spend four years completing this program. A student following this program may opt for more difficult classes in his or her areas of strength. Please see the Program of Studies Booklet for specific course suggestions.

To receive a Westwood High School diploma, a student must earn a minimum of 115 credits (meeting minimum credit requirements in subject areas listed below) and pass the MCAS examination in Math, English Language Arts, and Science and Technology.

Of these credits, the following subject area requirements must be met:

20.00 Credits of English

15.00 Credits of Mathematics

17.00 Credits of Science

10.00 Credits of Social Studies (including United States History)

7.00 Credits of Wellness

5.00 Credits of Fine Art (Art, Music, or Performing Arts courses)

10.0 Credits of World Language (must complete a 2 year sequence in one language)

~~2.5 Civics and Public Speaking~~

1.25 Civics

1.25 Public Speaking (for students in the Class of 2025 and earlier)

1.25 Financial Literacy (for students in the Class of 2026 and beyond)

Credits necessary to advance to the next grade level:

To advance to the 11th grade: 52.5 credits

To advance to the 12th grade: 85 credits

Graduation Requirement 115

Approved by School Committee on July 13, 2023 “