

## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

In order to graduate from Mansfield High School,

For the Class of 2019, a student must have earned at least 126 credits; starting with the Class of 2020 and moving forward a student must have earned at least 124 credits and complied with all state accountability requirements. Credits are accumulated at the rate of 5 credits per year-long course, 2.5 credits per semester course. These credits must be distributed as follows:

Four years of English (exclusive of electives) (20 credits)

Three years of Mathematics (15 credits)

Three years of lab-based Science (15 credits)

Three years of History/Social Science, including American History II (15 credits)

Four semesters of Wellness (Students must be enrolled in a wellness course each school year):

- Physical Education, 2 semesters (5 credits)
- Intro to Wellness, 1 semester (2.5 credits)
- Health Dynamics 1 semester (2.5 credits)

Seniors must earn a minimum of 25 credits in their senior year.

All students must adhere to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) MCAS requirements (or comprehensive exam as determined by DESE) to earn a diploma.

Other requirements may be established by the school administration in relation to the particular program, otherwise the additional credits needed for a graduation may be selected from among elective courses. Local graduation requirements in effect when a student first enrolls in high school will remain in effect until that student graduates.

Credit for Foreign Study: Students who are away for a term or year to participate in a student exchange program or otherwise study abroad may receive credits toward high school graduation when (1) study plans are approved by the school administration in advance; and (2) the institution where the study occurred submits a record of the student's work with grades and credit earned. In these instances, the Principal and the student's school counselor will evaluate the work and assign credit for it according to standards prevailing in Mansfield High School.

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SOURCE: MASC October 2016

**NOTE: If there are test requirements for graduation, these should be noted in the policy on Graduation Requirements. However, a policy on competency testing is properly filed in category II, Evaluation of Instructional Programs, or a special subcategory of that code.**