

HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WENHAM, MA

H8041

Graduation Requirements

In order to graduate from Hamilton Wenham Regional High School, a student must have earned at least 95 credits and complied with all state accountability requirements. Course requirements are the following:

All Students are required to earn 24 credits in order to graduate. A semester course receives .5 credits; a year-long course received 1 credit.

English:	4 credits
History:	3 credits
Science:	3 credits (must be lab science)
Mathematics:	4 credits
Wellness:	2.75 credits
Foreign Language:	2 credits
Fine/Applies Arts:	.5 credits
Engineering Technology:	.5 credits
Additional semester of either:	.5 credits

The Massachusetts Department of Education also requires that all students pass English, Math, and Science MCAS competency testing to be eligible for a high school diploma. Students in the classes of 2015, 2016 and 2017 must also complete a Regional Exit Portfolio as a requirement of graduation. Students in the class of 2018 must successfully complete a Regional Exit Portfolio, an independent study project, an internship, or a capstone project. In addition, students in the class of 2018 must complete 50 hours of community service, as follows:

9 <sup>th</sup> grade:	10 Hours
10 <sup>th</sup> grade:	10 Hours
11 <sup>th</sup> grade:	15 Hours
12 <sup>th</sup> grade:	15 Hours

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. In these instances, the Principal and student's guidance counselor will evaluate the work and assign credit for it according to standards prevailing in Hamilton Wenham Regional High School.

Source: MASC

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