

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT #33

## Graduation Requirements

Maine School Administrative District #33 will recognize each student who anticipates graduating in the Class of 2013 and thereafter by awarding him/her a high school diploma providing s/he has successfully completed a total of 25 credits, of which 20 credits shall include:

- 4 credits in English/language arts,
- 4 credits in Mathematics,
- 4 credits in Science, including at least one year of laboratory study,
- 4 credits in Social studies and history, including one credit of U.S. history and government,
- 1 credit in Fine arts,
- 1 credit in Physical education,
- 1 credit in Foreign language,
- 1 credit in Health.

The state also requires that students demonstrate computer skills according to the school unit's standards for computer literacy, proficiency, and performance.

The remaining credits will be selected by the student based upon the student's interests and the requirements of the field that the student plans to enter upon graduation.

Students who have a medical excuse from a physician will be excused from participating in physical education classes. Students who have a medical excuse may be required to attend classes and do alternate activities.

A student who has not met these requirements may do so through a post-secondary course, a state-approved adult education course, a state-approved summer school program, or a distance-learning course approved by the principal in advance of registration.

### Technology Center Students

A Technology Center student may be granted a waiver for one (1) credit in the subject area of mathematics, science, and/or social studies, for a maximum combined total of two (2) credits, if unforeseen circumstances arise.

### Special Education Students

A student who receives Special Education services who has successfully met specified goals and objectives of his/her Individualized Education Plan will be awarded a diploma.

### **Transfer Students**

When a student transfers to Wisdom Middle/High School from another state or from an educational program that is not required to meet the content standards of the Maine Learning Results, the Wisdom Middle/High School principal shall determine the value of the student's prior educational experience toward meeting the standards in a manner consistent with Maine School Administrative District # 33's Comprehensive Local Assessment System and other applicable District policies.

### **Extended Years of Study**

Students are eligible for extended years of study to complete the requirements of a diploma if they have not reached the age of 20 at the start of the school year. Students eligible for extended years of study may be referred to adult education or other suitable programs.

### **Participation in Graduation Exercises**

In order to participate in graduation ceremonies, the following requirements must have been fulfilled before graduation day:

1. Students must be within one credit of the necessary number of credits required for their graduation class.
2. All disciplinary requirements must be fulfilled.
3. Students must have paid all fees and fines owed to the school.

### **Qualification for Honor Parts**

To qualify for honor parts, a student must have completed his/her Junior and Senior years at Wisdom High School.

### **Early Graduation**

Wisdom Middle/High School recognizes that on occasion, exceptional circumstances will enable a student to complete graduation requirements in less than four years. Due to the academic and social implications, early graduation is granted only in a few cases. Students who have been accepted for early admission at the collegiate level may graduate with their class if they so inform the high school principal at the time of their acceptance into the early admission program.

Legal Reference: 20-A M.R.S.A. § 4722  
Maine Department of Education Rules Ch. 127 § 7

Cross Reference: ILA Testing and Assessment of Students

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