

IKF Graduation Requirements

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Credits: Successful completion of a full year course at Cape Elizabeth High School results in the award of 10 credits towards graduation, which is the equivalent of 1 Carnegie unit. Successful completion of a semester course at Cape Elizabeth High School results in the award of 5 credits towards graduation, which is the equivalent of ½ Carnegie unit.

Credit Requirement for Graduation. In order to graduate from Cape Elizabeth High School, a student must earn 230 credits.

- ~~230 credits~~

- ~~The following specific credits:~~

Of the 230 total credits required for graduation, the following specific credits must be earned:

English. 40 credits

Mathematics. 30 credits

Science. 30 credits. Beginning with the Class of 2011, those credits must be in the areas of Physics, Chemistry, and Biology unless an exception is made by the Principal

Social Studies. 30 credits, of which 10 credits must be earned in United States History and 5 credits must be earned in United States government. Beginning with the Class of 2011, 15 additional credits must be earned in courses in World History unless an exception is made by the Principal.

Health. 5 credits

Physical Education. 10 credits

~~Fine Arts and Technology 20 credits combined~~

Fine Arts. 10 credits

Technology. 5 credits

Fine Arts/Technology. An additional 5 credits in either Fine Arts or Technology.

Course Failure. Students who fail a required course must develop, with parent or guardian and

guidance counselor, a plan for making up the lost credit.

Transfer Students. For students who transfer to Cape Elizabeth, the principal shall determine the value of the student's prior educational experience towards meeting Cape Elizabeth High School's graduation requirements.

Early Awarding or Diplomas. A student who has met the State's and the Board's diploma requirements in fewer than four years of high school may be awarded a diploma. Any student interested in pursuing this option must schedule a meeting with her/his parent/legal guardian and guidance counselor to review the requirements and prepare a plan no later than the end of the school year before the hoped-for graduation date. The student's plan must be approved by the Principal, guidance counselor, and the student's parent(s)/guardian(s).

Credit Waiver. Students can petition the Principal for a waiver of local graduation requirements. Petitions will be considered on an individual basis by the principal and ~~the respective department head and~~ guidance counselor.

Participation in Graduation Ceremonies. No student is allowed to participate in graduation exercises unless all academic requirements are met, all school property is returned, and all school fees are paid. The school may also require as a condition of participation in graduation ceremonies that a student successfully completes a required plan for community service of no more than ten hours and a project related to senior transition away from high school into the wider community.

CROSS REFERENCES:

- [IHEDA: Post Secondary Enrollment Options](#)
- [IKFA: Early Graduation](#)
- [IKFC: Awarding of High School Course Credit Prior to Grade 9](#)

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