

Graduation Requirements

Students will receive a Portsmouth High School Diploma upon the completion of the following:

- Upon the recommendation of the Student's Evaluation/Placement Team, the Principal of the High School and the Student Services Director after review of the Individualized Education Plan, including transition, for those students with an identified disability pursuant to the New Hampshire Rules for the Education of Children with Disabilities. The Individualized Education Plan may include less than 26 credits, but may not include less than 20 credits that are required by State law.

OR

- Twenty-six (26) credits have been completed in the areas indicated.

ENGLISH		4 CREDITS
SCIENCE Including:		3 CREDITS
1 CREDIT IN	PHYSICAL OR BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES	
SOCIAL STUDIES Including:		3 CREDITS
1 CREDIT IN	US HISTORY AND NH HISTORY	
½ CREDIT IN	US AND NH GOVERNMENT/CIVICS, WORLD HISTORY, GLOBAL STUDIES OR GEOGRAPHY	
MATHEMATICS Including an algebra credit that can be earned through a sequential, integrated or applied program.		3 CREDITS
ECONOMICS		½ CREDIT
PHYSICAL EDUCATION		1 CREDIT
COMPUTER COURSE		½ CREDIT
FINE ARTS EDUCATION (Drama, music, visual arts, architecture, media or dance)		½ CREDIT
HEALTH EDUCATION		½ CREDIT
ELECTIVES		10 CREDITS
MINIMUM CREDITS TO GRADUATE		26 CREDITS

Legal References:

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed [306.04\(a\)\(14\)](#), How Credit Can Be Earned

N.H. Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed [306.14\(f\)](#), Awarding of Credit for Required Subjects and Open Electives

N.H. Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed [306.27\(d\)](#), Mastery of Required Competencies

N.H. Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed [306.27\(m\)](#), Credits Required for Graduation