

## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

### **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS; HULL HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA – LEVEL A**

In order to receive a Hull High School diploma, students must successfully meet all course credit requirements and pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment system (MCAS) tests with competency determinations as identified by the Massachusetts Department of Education.

Students must earn a minimum of 140 credits to be awarded a Hull High School diploma. In addition, students must earn credit AND a passing mark in the following subjects:

English	4 years
Mathematics	4 years (including Algebra II and Geometry)*
Science	3 years (including Introductory Physics, Biology and lab science)*
Social Studies	4 years (including World History, U.S. History and Government)*
Foreign Language	2 years
Allied Art (art, music, applied tech)	2 semesters
Physical Education	4 semesters (Wellness 9, Wellness 10, Wellness 11, Wellness 12)

\*Specific course requirements may be waived as a component of an Individual Education Plan, or by a high school administrator, based on individual programs/circumstances. Subject area requirements may not be waived.

### **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS; HULL HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA – LEVEL B**

A student may, with the approval of the Hull High School principal, choose to earn a Hull Public Schools diploma. This diploma may allow a student to attend a community college upon graduation, but will not meet the acceptance requirements of most four-year colleges and universities.

In order to receive a Hull Public Schools diploma, students must successfully meet all course credit requirements and pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests with competency determinations as identified by the Massachusetts Department of Education.

Students must earn a minimum of 114 credits to be awarded a Hull Public Schools diploma. In addition, students must earn credit AND a passing mark in the following subjects:

English	4 years
Mathematics	3 years (including Algebra II and Geometry)*
Science	3 years (including Introductory Physics, Biology)*
Social Studies	2 years (including U.S. History), and 2 semester courses (American Politics and Government and American Economics)*
Physical Education	4 semesters of Wellness
Foreign Language	1 year
Allied Art(art, music, applied tech)	4 semesters
Internship	1 full-year course

\*Specific course requirements may be waived as a component of an Individual Education Plan, or by a high school administrator, based on individual programs/circumstances. Subject area requirements may not be waived.

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.

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 Hull High School.

Graduation Ceremonies (Participation): The School Committee believes that completion of the requirements for a diploma from the Hull Public Schools is an achievement that improves the community as well as the individual. Therefore, the School Committee wishes to recognize that achievement annually in a publicly held graduation ceremony.

Only students who have successfully completed all requirements and obligations prescribed by Hull School Committee policy and the school administration (to include book fines and detentions) will be eligible to participate in the graduation. Exceptions are provided below:

A student who is within one full-year course (6 credits) of meeting graduation requirements by the end of the school year may be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremonies providing he/she has made arrangements with the school administration to complete the owed credit. Students who have more than one full-year course (6 credits) may appeal to the Superintendent for the privilege of participating in the graduation ceremonies. His/her diploma will be awarded when the requirement has been met. Additional exceptions may be approved by the School Committee in unusual circumstances, upon recommendation of the school administration.

The school administration shall notify all students of the requirements and obligations that must be met in order to participate in the graduation exercises. Individual students who are not or may not be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremonies, and their parent(s)/guardian(s), shall be notified when third term grades become available..

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