

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students shall be awarded the diploma of Lawrence High School upon meeting both State of Maine and local requirements as follows:

The following minimum requirements of thirty credits (effective with the Class of 2025) will be successfully completed:

1. 4 credits of English
2. 4 credits of Social Studies(2 units must be US History and ½ unit Personal Finance) (Class of 2025)
3. 4 credits of Math
4. 4 credits of Science including at least one credit of laboratory study (Class of 2025)
5. 1.5 credits of Fine Arts (Class of 2025)
6. 11 credits of Electives (Class of 2025)
7. 1/2 credit of Health
8. 1 credit of Physical Education

All students must enroll each semester in at least four courses.

For students in alternative programs, exceptions may be made with the principal's approval. However, all students in alternative programs who are enrolled at Lawrence High School should ideally carry at least three subjects.

No more than one quarter of the credits required for graduation from Grade 12 may be earned through correspondence school courses, private tutoring, or other educational out-of-school experiences. The correspondence schools must be listed in "Directory of Accredited Private Home Study Schools" of the National Home Study Council, or approved by the Commissioner of Education. Tutoring must be by certified or licensed teachers. All of these programs must be approved in advance by the school principal, and carried on under his/her general supervision.

A student who has two or less credits required for completion, and who proceeds to a post-secondary situation of learning, either full or part time, may in this manner, with the approval of the high school principal, complete the requirements of graduation and be awarded a diploma with the following graduation exercises.

Every student shall have a transcript which shall include specific information for those who will assist the learner in his/her development in a post-secondary situation and list any occupational training for the benefit of prospective employers.

Students who have not met full requirements of the diploma shall not participate in graduation exercises.

Graduation exercises shall be limited to the high school. Simple exercises are allowed in elementary schools, provided that they do not cause the purchase of anything by parents or students in order to participate.

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Cross Reference: IKFA - EARLY GRADUATION

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