

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A student must earn enough units of credit each year to complete 22 units of course work, including Physical Education in order to graduate. Specific requirements include:

4.5 units English

4 units Social Studies

3 units Science

3 units Math

1 unit Physical Education/Wellness

1 unit Foreign Language

1 unit Unified Arts **Satisfied by any course in Business, Technology, Visual Arts or Performing Arts*

Students must enroll in at least 7 units and pass 5 units each year to advance to the next grade. Credits are earned when (a) the student earns a passing grade, and (b) the student is in compliance with the attendance policy. A student who does not pass a required course must retake the course.

In order to earn a diploma, students must pass state-mandated MCAS requirements.

Physical Education: In accordance with M.G.L. c. 71 § 3, all Dracut High School students must enroll in physical education in each of their four years of high school. Enrollment in interscholastic sports, Marching Band, or Show Choir satisfies this requirement.

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 Dracut High School.

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