

## 6005 Academic Credits and Graduation

Students differ widely in what they bring to the school and in what they expect from it. Therefore the following are stated as minimum requirements to allow flexibility in the planning of individual programs. However, on the assumption that there are some elements that should be shared by all educated persons, these uniform minimum requirements are established for graduation from the Milford Public Schools.

Required Credits for Graduation is 220:

1. Language Arts Total Requirement - 45 Credits
  - a. Required Courses
    - i. English 9, 10, 11, 12/12a - 40 Credits
    - ii. Speech - 5 Credits
2. Mathematics - 30 Credits
  - a. Coursework Varies Per Student
3. Social Studies Total Requirement - 30 Credits
  - a. Required Courses
    - i. American History - 10 Credits
    - ii. American Government - 10 Credits
    - iii. Geography - 10 Credits
4. Science Total Requirement - 30 Credits
  - a. Required Courses
    - i. Physical or Conceptual Science - 10 Credits
    - ii. Biology - 10 Credits
    - iii. 1 Additional Science Course - 10 Credits
5. Career And Technical Education Requirement - 15 Credits
  - a. Coursework Varies Per Student
  - b. Math of Business & Finance (Financial Literacy) Total Requirement - 5 Credits
  - c. Computer Applications (Computer Science) \*for 2027 graduates and beyond) 5 Credits
6. Physical Education/Health Total Requirement - 10
  - a. Required Courses
    - i. PE - 5 Credits
    - ii. Health - 5 Credits
7. Visual And Performing Arts Total Requirement - 10 Credits
  - a. Coursework Varies Per Student
8. Electives Total Requirement - 15 Credits
  - a. Coursework Varies Per Student

Other graduation items:

1. All students are required to enroll in a minimum of seven (7) classes per semester, unless otherwise approved by administration.

2. Students qualifying for special education through testing procedures approved by the Nebraska Department of Education shall be required to successfully complete the course of study prescribed in their individualized education plan.
3. Activity credit
  - a. Fifteen (15) Activity Credit Hours may be used to meet the total hours required for a diploma. Activity credit is for those activities which involve participation outside of the regular school day. Credit is given only when a student completes a full season, semester, or year, or until the particular activity is completed.
  - b. Activity Credits Granted
    - i. Athletic Teams 5.0 per season
    - ii. Cast/Crew member of play or musical 5.0 per production
    - iii. FBLA - FFA - FCCLA - Key Club 2.5 per semester
    - iv. Teacher Aide 5.0 per semester
    - v. Dance Team 5.0 per year
    - vi. Student Council Member/Class Officer 1.0 per semester
    - vii. Spanish Club 1.0 per semester
    - viii. Art Club 1.0 per semester
    - ix. Swing Choir 5.0 per year
    - x. Jazz Band 5.0 per year
    - xi. Speech 5.0 per year
4. Students are required to take the following courses from a K-12 state accredited institution:
  - a. English 12
  - b. American Government
  - c. Financial Literacy
  - d. Computer Science (for 2027 graduates and beyond)

The district may establish special programs for individual students that may deviate from these requirements when, in the opinion of the superintendent or his/her designee, the programs will further the student's educational needs. All special programs must be arranged and approved by the administration with authorization from the student's parents or guardian.

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