

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In compliance with the requirements set forth by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and those affiliated with the recognition of Chelmsford Public Schools as a Federal Race to the Top school district, CHS will be shifting graduation requirements over the next few years to align with [MassCore](#). In accordance with the change, [MassCore](#) provides a course of studies to better prepare students to meet the career/college readiness standards. Given the rigorous standards CHS already employs, the shift impacts students in mathematics and in the fine and performing arts. After review of the graduating class of 2013, we found 93% of our graduates met the new standards in math for [MassCore](#), while 100% of our graduates met the new standards for the arts.

In addition to meeting the CHS course requirements below, all students in the Commonwealth are required to meet certain performance criteria on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS). To receive a high school diploma, students must earn scaled scores of at least 240 on the grade 10 ELA and Mathematics tests, or earn a scaled score between 220 and 238 on these tests and fulfill the requirements of an Educational Proficiency Plan (EPP). Students must also earn a scaled score of at least 220 on one of the Science, Technology, Engineering MCAS (i.e., Biology, Chemistry, Introductory Physics, or Technology-Engineering).

Department/Academic Area	Classes of 2022, 2023, 2024,2025
English	40 credits
Mathematics	40 credits
Science	30 credits
Social Studies	30 credits *
World Language	20 credits **
Fine & Performing Arts	10 credits
Practical Arts	5 credits
Physical Education	10 credits (Grades 10 & 11)
Health and Wellness	10 credits (Required Grade 9 & 12)
Other Courses/Electives	45 credits
Total Credits for Graduation	240 credits

* Requirements: World History 2, US History 1 & 2 or AP US History.

** Two years of the same World Language.

For a student to make successful progress toward graduation requirements and remain on par with her/his grade level, she/he must earn a minimum of 60 credits per school year. **Seniors, in addition to meeting all other requirements, you must earn at least 60 credits in your senior year.**