

## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

### **Purpose**

This policy is established by the North Kingstown School Committee for the expressed purpose of setting forth the minimum standards of academic accomplishment that all students must attain to receive the honor and right to obtain a diploma from North Kingstown High School.

### **Philosophy**

The School Committee recognizes that there are many things that are important for students to demonstrate evidences of documented growth and development as a result of their years of participation and attendance within the North Kingstown School District. Although much acquired knowledge is an expected part of a student's general growth and development, some are specific, measurable, and set forth as a mandatory expectation for consideration to a fulfilled program of learning. To this end, the School Committee sets forth the following statement of expectation in regard to satisfactory course completion and graduation with the receipt of a diploma from North Kingstown High School.

### **Policy Statement**

As set forth in the 2011 [K-12 Literacy, Restructuring of the Learning Environment at the Middle and High School Levels, and Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements \(PBGR\) at High Schools Regulation \(Secondary Regulations\)](#), all students must complete each of the following graduation requirements in order to earn a North Kingstown High School comprehensive education or Career and Technical Education diploma:

- (1) Successful completion of a minimum of 24 credits (**23 credits Class of 2023 and beyond**), including required areas
  - a. English (4 credits)
  - b. Math (4 credits)
  - c. Science (3 credits)
  - d. Social Studies (3 credits)
  - e. PE/Health (2 credits)
  - f. Technology (.5 credit)
  - g. Visual/Performing Arts (.5 credit)
  - h. Democracy/Civics (.5 credit)
  - i. Electives (6.5 credits/ 5.5 credits Class of 2023 and beyond)
- (2) Demonstration of proficiency through performance-based assessments:
  - Successful completion of Senior Project; and
  - Successful completion of Comprehensive Course Assessment requirements; based on attaining a 70% or higher on a minimum number of Anchor Assignments.

Students enrolled in the comprehensive education or Career and Technical Education programs are able to participate in June or August high school graduation ceremonies only upon completing all of their graduation requirements.

### **Alternative Assessment/Life Skills Curriculum**

Students who are enrolled in the Life Skills program are eligible to receive a diploma based on the criteria below:

- (1) Successful completion of a minimum of 24 credits (23 credits for Class of 2023 and beyond), including required areas
  - a. English (4 credits – must take 1 credit of English each year)
  - b. Math (4 credits – must take 1 credit of Math each year)
  - c. Social Studies (1.5 credits – must take 1 course each year in grades 9 -11)
  - d. Science (1.5 credits – must take 1 course each year in grades 9 -11)
  - e. PE/Health (2 credits - .5 each year)

- f. Self-Determination (2 credits)
  - g. School Based Vocational Experience (3 credits – must take 1 course each year in grades 9-11)
  - h. Community Based Vocational Experience (2 credits – 1 credit per semester in grade 12)
  - i. Electives (4 credits/3 credits for Class of 2023 and beyond)
- (2) Participation in required state assessments and demonstration of proficiency on performance-based assessments:
- a. Comprehensive Course Assessments
  - b. Senior Project presentation connected to the student’s Community Based Vocational Experience.

Students placed in the Life Skills and/or Alternative Assessment coursework programs through their Individualized Education Programs may participate in graduation ceremonies at the end of their 12<sup>th</sup> grade year. The diploma will be held by the school until the student has fulfilled all graduation requirements and prescribed transitional services.

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