

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

1. A MINIMUM of 24 credits are required for graduation from Searsport District High School to be earned in the following areas:

- A. 4 credits in English
3 credits in Mathematics *
3 credits in Science
3 credits in Social Studies (includes U.S. History)
1 credit in Physical Education
.5 credits in Health

- B. 8.5 credits in courses selected by the student
A total of two (2) sequential credits are required in a course of study which is not included in Section 1.A

- C. Fine Arts Requirement - 1 credit

- D. Computer Literacy Requirement

- E. Community Service Requirement

- F. Portfolio Requirement. This requirement will be phased in over a three year period as follows:

Class of 2003 - a minimum of 12 entries

Class of 2004 - a minimum of 16 entries

Class of 2005 and all future classes - a minimum of 20 entries

The portfolio entries must show that the student has successfully met all six of the Guiding Principles.

2. All students must carry a course load each year that is at all times the equivalent of 6 academic credits. Exceptions to this may be made by the building principal based on extenuating academic circumstances.

3. Students must earn 6 credits to be considered Sophomores; 12 credits to be considered Juniors; and 18 credits to be considered Seniors. Except for students who are approved for Early Graduation, no student will be permitted to graduate prior to completing four (4) years of high school.

*One (1) credit in Mathematics may be earned from an equivalent course which is not part of the Mathematics Department.

CROSS REFERENCE: IND, Community Service Policy
IKFA, Early Graduation
IKEC, Basic Secondary Academic Proficiency

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