

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Those students who complete the prescribed course of study in the high school in a manner satisfactory to the principal and the Superintendent shall receive diplomas or certificates signed by the Mayor, the Superintendent and the high school principal. A list of students entitled to such diplomas or certificates shall be sent to the Executive Secretary of the School Committee not later than June tenth of each year.

High School Graduation Requirements

Graduation is a very important event for our students, their families, friends, and the entire community. Students must earn 224 (two hundred twenty-four) credits in order to be eligible to graduate with a Cambridge Rindge and Latin School diploma. The credits are broken down as follows:

- English - 40 (forty) credits
- Science - 30 (thirty) credits
- Math – 40 (forty) credits
- Social Studies (which includes U.S. History) - 30 (thirty) credits
- World Language – 20 (twenty) credits
- Visual, Performing or Technical Arts – 20 (twenty) credits
- Health – 5 (five) credits
- Physical Education must be taken once per year
- A swimming requirement must be fulfilled
- The balance of credits are earned through electives

In addition to completing local graduation requirements, in accordance with the requirements of federal and state law, students must pass the English, Math and Science portions of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) in order to graduate from CRLS and receive a CRLS diploma. Students who do not pass the English, Math and Science portions of the MCAS but have completed local graduation requirements receive a certificate.

Early Graduation

The high school shall establish procedures for the purpose of permitting students who have fulfilled graduation requirements early with the opportunity to graduate early with such early graduations occurring no earlier than the beginning of the second semester of Grade 11.

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