

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION POLICY

The Bow School District Standard Academic diploma has a minimum of 24 credits required for graduation:

Humanities	8 credits
Math, Science, Technology	8 credits
B.E.S.T.	2.5 credits
Electives	<u>5.5 credits</u>
Total	24 credits =====

A .5 Credit in Information, Communications and Technology must also be accounted for.

### Non-Credit Requirements:

Digital Portfolio, Senior Project, Sophomore Project,  
20 hours of Community Service, 20 Hours of Career Exploration

A Basic Core Diploma based on the State of New Hampshire minimum requirements of 20 credits can be awarded in special circumstances. The approval of the school administration and Superintendent is required to be considered for this diploma. The requirements for the Basic Core Diploma are:

English	4 credits
US and NH History	1 credit
US and NH Government / Civics	.5 credit
Economics	.5 credit
World History, Global Studies or Geography	.5 credit
Arts Education	.5 credit
Math	3 credits
Physical Sciences	1 credit
Biological Sciences	1 credit
Physical Education	1 credit
Health Education	.5 credit
Information and Communications Technologies	.5 credit
Electives	<u>6 credits</u>
Total	20 credits =====

## Non-Credit Requirements:

Digital Portfolio, 20 hours of Community Service, 20 Hours of Career Exploration

Permission to pursue a regular/core diploma will be obtained via a recommendation from the Guidance Department and must have the approval of the Principal and Superintendent. All incoming students will be encouraged to meet the requirements of the standard / academic diploma, and approval for the core / regular diploma will not be considered prior to the fall of the junior year.

## Awarding of Credit:

A unit of credit, or fraction thereof, shall be given upon satisfactory mastery of course competencies. This is usually accomplished via completion of a course or learning experience in compliance with the District-specified curriculum and assessment standards. In some cases, course credit may also be awarded for non-school activities based on demonstrated mastery of the required competencies for the course. Assessment of mastery will be the responsibility of the building Principal or designee and will be in accordance with Policy ILBAA, Competency Assessments. Credit will be awarded only once for a specific required course with the same content during the secondary school experience.

## Alternative Credit Options:

Course sequences that satisfy graduation requirements are delineated in the High School's Program of Studies. In some cases, credit may be earned through alternative methods outside of regular classroom-based instruction offered by the District schools. Awarding of credits to be applied toward High School graduation will be determined by the High School Principal or designee and will be granted according to the provisions of Policy IMBC, Alternative Credit Options.

## ***Legal Reference:***

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.04(a)(14), Policy Development*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.14(f), Basic Instructional Standards*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.27(d, m), Required Subjects and Unit of Credit for High School Graduation*

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**(See Minutes of 9-7-06 Meeting for Further Clarification Regarding Grade 8 Students)**