GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- A. Students must have earned 24 credits to graduate.
- B. The 24 credits required for graduation with a Lin-Wood Diploma include the following:
 - 4 English Credits
 - 4 Math Credits
 - 1 Integrated Math I
 - 1 Integrated Math II
 - 1 Integrated Math III
 - 1 Math Elective (Quantitative Reasoning, AP Statistics, or AP Calculus, etc.)
 - 3 Science Credits
 - 2 Physical Science (Chemistry, Physics, Earth/Space Science, Geology, or Astronomy)
 - 1 Life Science (General Life Science or Biology)
 - 3.5 Social Studies Credits
 - 1 Credit US & NH History
 - 1 Credit US & NH Government/Civics*
 - 1 Credit World History, Global Studies, or Geography
 - ½ Credit Economics (including Personal Finance)
 - 1.5 Physical Education Credit
 - 1 Visual & Performing Arts Education Credit (Art, Band, Chorus, or Digital)
 - .5 Online Course Credit
 - .5 Health Education Credit
 - .5 Information & Communication Technologies Credit
 - 5.5 Elective credits
 - Total Required Credits plus 40 Hours of Community Service
- C. All High School students must pass 6 credits per year in order to be promoted to the next grade unless otherwise determined by the school Principal (see section D below).
- D. The school Principal in conjunction with the student, parent(s)/guardian(s), and guidance counselor may recommend a student pursue a standard State of NH 20 Credit Diploma. The student must declare intention to receive a standard State of NH 20 Credit Diploma by the end of sophomore year. (See policy IKF.)
- E. In addition to credits earned, 40 hours of community service are required of all High School students prior to graduation. **Community service** is defined as work performed by a person or group of people for the benefit and betterment of their community without any form of compensation. *Wikipedia/Merriam-Webster: Merriam-Webster Incorporated retrieved August 2020.*
 - Community service hours must be approved prior to completing the activity.
 - i. Community service hours will not be accepted if completed without prior approval.
 - Class fundraising activities will not be approved and counted toward the community service graduation requirement.
 - Community serviced required for each class toward their senior trip cannot count toward the required community service hours to graduate.

- All Community service hours must be supervised by an adult overseeing the project or activity. The adult must sign off on the community service form at the end of the service activity.
- No students shall earn money for their community service nor should any entity earn money from a student's involvement in community service.
- Community service cannot be earned through a family business.
- F. Students who have completed their graduation requirements prior to their class's graduation will be considered as a graduate and will have no attendance requirements as a condition of formal graduation. Such students will receive their diplomas at the regularly scheduled graduation exercise of their class.
- G. Students who in their senior year have completed all but a small portion of their graduation requirements (excluding electives) may request a shortened day schedule.
- H. Students will receive ¼ credit for Driver's Education taken either at Lin-Wood or off campus. To obtain credit for an off campus course, the student is responsible for providing the Guidance Office with evidence of successful completion of the course.
- G. Students wishing to take courses to be counted towards meeting graduation requirements other than at Lin-Wood High School must have those courses approved by the Superintendent or designee prior to the commencement of the course and must follow the Alternative Credit Options as described in policy IMBC.
- H. Students may elect to satisfy a minimum of 1 Physical Education credit through an outside activity-based program pre-approved by the Principal and monitored by the Athletic Director. Such activities may include but are not limited to; school sponsored athletics, private athletic clubs and organizations, cheerleading and other programs which meet the approval of the Principal.
- I. Students who desire to participate in after school athletics must complete credit requirements of the NHIAA and meet the School Board's Policy (JJIC) for eligibility.

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^{*} Effective for students graduating in 2024 or later, students must attain a passing grade on the administered United States government and civics competency assessment to be eligible to receive a Lin-Wood or standard State of NH high school diploma.