

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to satisfy the high school graduation requirements within the Rocky Hill Public Schools, a student must have satisfactorily completed the prescribed courses of study, demonstrated proficiency in basic skills identified by the Rocky Hill Board of Education and satisfied the legally mandated number and distribution of credits required to graduate from high school.

Required Coursework and Credits for Graduation

The Rocky Hill Board of Education conforms with state law regarding credits for graduation from high school.

Classes Graduating in 2018 to 2022

For classes graduating in 2018 to 2022, the following 22 credits are required

1. Four (4) credits of English.
2. Three (3) credits of Social Studies. One credit must be U.S. History and ½ credit must be in Civics.
3. Three (3) credits of Mathematics, including Algebra I.
4. Two (2) credits of Science, one must be a Biological Science and one a Physical Science.
5. Three elective credits. A minimum of 1 credit in each category – the two categories are:
 1. Arts, Music and Humanities
 2. CTE (Business Education, Family and Consumer Science, and Technology Education)
6. One (1) credit in an advanced course, which would be in addition to the three credits indicated in item #5; such credits must be in the arts, vocational, or foreign language fields.
7. One (1) credit in Physical Education.
8. One-half credit in Health.
9. One-half credit in Computer Literacy, which includes Art and Bio, Digital Design, Photography I, Photography II, Video and Animation, Personal Finance & Technology, Marketing, Introduction to Business, International Business, Business Law, Entrepreneurship, Accounting/Advanced Accounting, Desktop Publishing, Introduction to Robotics Engineering, Advanced Robotics Engineering, Computer Technologies, AP Computer Science Principles, and all Project Lead the Way courses.
10. An addition four (4) credits.

Classes Graduating in 2023 and Thereafter

For classes graduating in 2023 and thereafter, the following 25 credits are required:

1. Four (4) credits of English.
2. Three (3) credits of Social Studies. One credit must be U.S. History and ½ credit must be in Civics.
3. Three (3) credits of Mathematics.

4. Two (2) credits of Science, one must be a Biological Science and one a Physical Science.
5. One (1) credit of fine arts. (Art/Music)
6. One (1) credit of humanities. (Humanities/English/Social Studies/World Language)
7. Four (4) additional STEM credits in any of the following: science, technology (CTE-FACS, Business, Tech Ed), engineering and/or mathematics.
8. One (1) credit of world language.
9. One (1) credit of physical education and wellness.
10. One (1) credit of health and safety education.
11. One (1) credit of a mastery-based diploma assessment.
12. Three (3) additional elective credits, one must be an advance credit.

A student who presents written documentation from a physician or advanced practice registered nurse stating that participation in physical education is not advisable because of the physical condition of the student, shall be excused from the physical education requirement. In such a case, another subject must be substituted.

Any student who is deaf or hearing impaired may be exempted from any world language graduation requirement if the student's parent or guardian requests such exemption in writing.

A credit is defined as the equivalent of one forty (40) minute class period for each school day of a school year. One-half credit is granted for a course with a forty (40) minute class period each school day for one semester or ninety (90) days.

Only courses taken in grades nine to twelve inclusive, and that are in accordance with the state-wide subject matter content standards, adopted by the State Board of Education, shall satisfy the above graduation requirements, except that the Board will grant a student credit:

Demonstration of Proficiency in Basic Skills

In addition to meeting the coursework and credit graduation requirements listed above, to graduate high school, each student must demonstrate proficiency in the basic skills. The assessment criteria shall include, but shall not exclusively be based on, the result of the PSAT or SAT, or meeting expectations using the school-wide academic expectation rubrics.

Graduation During Period of Expulsion

A student may graduate during an expulsion period if the Board determines that the student has completed the necessary credits required for graduation.

Legal References:

Public Act No. 21-144, An Act Implementing Recommendations of the Department of Education
Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-14n
Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-16b
Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-221a
Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-223a