

SEE Update and Look-Ahead

Board of Education Curriculum Subcommittee
New Fairfield Public Schools
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Senior
Enrichment
Experience*
2024-2025

* Graduation requirement for all NFHS students (1.0 credit)

Types of Experiences (24-25)

- X External internship
- X Teaching assistant position (NFPS)
- X An independent career research- and interview-based project

Requirements (24-25)

- X 3 weeks (May 19 - June 6), 90 hours (30 hours /week, 6 hours / day)
- X Weekly Google Classroom journals / check-ins
- X SEE Fair Project Presentation (June 10)

Mastery-Based Diploma Assessment Requirement

- Beginning with the Class of 2027, there is no longer a State requirement for a one-credit mastery-based diploma assessment.
- Boards of Education may continue to include this credit in district graduation requirements.
- Currently, it is included in NFHS requirements as 1.0 SEE/ Attributes of Graduate credit

Exploring Possibilities: Guiding Principles

- Relevance and purpose for students
- Aligned to NFPS Vision of the Learner, with rigor and future-ready skills
- Differentiated for range of student aspirations and interests
- Sustainable over time, to ensure student mentoring and feedback

Exploring Possibilities: Research

- Communication with districts* & review of Program of Studies across DRG A and DRG B
- Range of responses: some maintaining portfolios / projects / internship programs, some eliminated the requirement (replaced with an elective credit), several looking to revise or shift to project-based options

** Including Brookfield, Newtown, Monroe, Weston, Joel-Barlow (Region 9)*

Exploring Possibilities: Models to Consider

- Project-based capstone (varied semester timing)
- Portfolio across multiple years
- External internship options connected to Pathways
- *Other: microcredentials, certificate programs*

** SEE Study Group to further research and develop models during 25-26 school year for initial implementation in 26-27 school year.*

Stepping Forward: Revisions for 25-26

- Presentation / public speaking skill development and demonstration required (*NFPS VOL Talented Communicator*)
- Enhance research project option for students
- Expand connections with trades and businesses for external internship options
- GPA / Behavior requirements for internship