

Graduation Requirement Update



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Graduation Requirements

In order to graduate from New Fairfield High School, a student must earn a minimum 26 credits in grades 9 through 12 and must have met the following credit distribution requirements.

Current Requirements

- 26 total credits
- Includes:
 - 0.5 Personal Finance
 - 1.0 SEE

Department / Category	Credits	Diploma with Distinction
Humanities Total distributed as follows	9 credits	9 credits
English	4 credits	4 credits
Social Studies <i>including 1 credit of US History</i>	3 credits	3 credits
American Government	0.5 credits	0.5 credits
Fine and Performing Arts	1 credit	1 credits
English, Social Studies, or FAPA**	0.5 credits	0.5 credits
STEM Total distributed as follows	9 credits	9 credits
Mathematics	3 credits	4 credits
Science	3 credits	4 credits
Career & Technical Education (CTE)	1 credit	1 credit
Math, Science, or CTE**	2 credits	
PE & Health	2 credits	2 credits
World Language	1 credit	3 credits <i>must be in the same language</i>
Personal Finance	0.5 credits	0.5 credits
Community Service	0.5 credits	0.5 credits
SEE / Attributes of the Graduate	1 credit	1 credit
Open Credits	3 credits	1 credit
Total Credits	26 credits	26 credits

** If a student takes two world languages for four (4) years, one open credit in Humanities (English, Social Studies, or FAPA) or STEM (Mathematics, Science, or CTE) may be earned.

FAFSA

Summary:

- Beginning with Class of 2027, complete FAFSA or other institutional financial aid application for those without legal immigration status, or a [waiver](#) developed by the CSDE is a graduation requirement. (*Sections 9 and 10 of Public Act 24-45*)

Recommended Action:

- Add this language to Graduation Requirements (Policy 6146) prior to publication of 2025-2026 Program of Studies.

Personal Financial Management & Financial Literacy

Summary:

- Beginning with the class of 2027, the required 0.5 credit of personal financial management and financial literacy may be counted towards a student's STEM credit requirement.
 - Already NF requirement: 0.5 Personal Finance course
 - Currently a "stand-alone" in NF (in addition to 9 STEM credits)

Recommended Action:

- Change graduation requirements (Policy 6146) for Class of 2026 to include Personal Finance requirement as part of STEM prior to publication of 2025-2026 Program of Studies.

Mastery-Based Diploma Assessment Requirement

Summary:

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

Recommended Action:

- No action at this time.
- Opportunity to further explore this requirement for future cohorts.