

# ACADEMICS

## NMRHS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students will be required to earn a minimum of 140 credits to graduate. Students are required to register for a minimum of 8 courses per year. It is also highly recommended that all students enroll in 2 full credit courses of the same world language.

Subject Area	NMRHS Graduation Requirements for the Classes of 2014, 2015, & 2016	NMRHS Graduation Requirements Starting with the Class of 2017	Required By MA State Colleges & Universities	Recommended By Most 4-Year Colleges	Recommended By Highly Selective Colleges <sup>‡</sup>
English Language Arts	4 full credit courses [20 Credits]	4 full credit courses	4 courses	4 courses	4 courses
Mathematics	3 – 4 full credit courses* [15-20 credits]	4 full credit courses	4 courses	4 courses	4 courses
Social Studies	4 full credit courses [20 credits]	3 full credit courses	3 courses <i>Including US History</i>	3 courses <i>Including US History</i>	4 courses <i>Including US History, World History, &amp; Economics</i>
Science	3 – 4 full credit courses* [15-20 credits]	3 full credit courses	3 lab courses	3 lab courses <i>including Biology, Chemistry, &amp; Physics</i>	4 lab courses <i>including Biology, Chemistry, &amp; Physics</i>
World Language	2 full credit courses [10 credits]	2 full credit courses <i>in the same language</i>	2 courses <i>in the same language</i>	2-3 courses <i>in the same language</i>	3-4 courses <i>in the same language</i>
Health, Nutrition, Fitness [Physical Education]	4 half credit courses [10 credits]	4 half credit courses	n/a	n/a	n/a
Arts <i>(music, visual, drama)</i>	1 half credit course [2.5 credits]	1 half credit course	n/a	n/a	n/a
Technology	1 half credit course [2.5 credits]	Included as an elective	n/a	n/a	n/a

Electives Any combination [40-60 credits]

\*Each student must successfully complete at least 15 credits in both science and mathematics AND an additional 5 credits in EITHER science or math for a total of 35 credits. Accounting is considered a mathematics course for credits toward graduation requirements. It is highly recommended that all students enroll in 4 years of BOTH mathematics and science.

<sup>‡</sup>Preference given to students whose transcripts include accelerated and/or AP Courses

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