

POLICY: PROMOTION AND GRADUATION STANDARDS
MILLINOCKET SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
(Graduation Requirements)

NEPN/NSBA Code: IKF

Diplomas at Stearns High School may be awarded only to students who have met the content standards of the system of Learning Results. This shall be measured by the local assessment system in the following content areas:

- **English Language Arts**
- Health and Physical Education,
- **Mathematics**
- **Science and Technology**
- Social Studies

The student has completed successfully a minimum course of study accumulating a total of **22** one-year course equivalents (credits) at the secondary level (grades 9-12). This accumulation of credits shall not, in and of itself, be sufficient evidence that a student has met the standards in a content area.

Sixteen (16) required credits are as follows:

4 credits	English/Language Arts
1 credit	Fine Arts
1 credit	Health
1 credit	Physical Education
3 credits	Mathematics
3 credits	Science, including 1 credit of laboratory study.
3 credits	A three year sequence of Social Studies that includes one credit of American History, <u>one credit in Government/Economics, and one credit in Modern World History.</u>

The State also requires that students demonstrate proficiency in the use of computers, in accordance with computer proficiency and performance standards established by the local assessment system. (Proficiency shall mean experience with computers that include loading, operating, and applying fundamental skills. This may include work processing, keyboarding, developing a database, accessing data, and using software. This requirement may be satisfied in grade 7 or 8 or through course work at Stearns High School)

The remaining credits may be selected by the student and/or the faculty based upon the student's achievement on the MEA and NECAP at both 8th and 11th grade, as well as other standardized tests, progress in meeting standards of the Common Core, interests, abilities, and the requirements of the field that the student plans to enter upon graduation.

Students shall study a content area until the content standards in that content area are met.

In addition to the above requirements, the School Board has the following graduation requirements:

- As part of this system, MEA and NECAP scores will be a factor in determining the award of a diploma at Stearns High School. (The results of the MEA and NECAP may influence course selection for the student)
- The student will present evidence of 30 hours of Community Volunteering.

In order for a student to participate in graduation, the student must have successfully completed all the above-listed requirements.

A student who is deficient in the above-listed requirements may meet those requirements through a program that has been approved prior to registration by the Principal of Stearns High School. This program may include the following: a post-secondary course(s), a state-approved Adult Education course(s), a state-approved summer school program, or a correspondence course.

Students who have accepted early admission at the collegiate level may graduate with their class if they inform the Principal of Stearns High School at the time of their acceptance into the early admissions program.

Diplomas may be awarded only to students who have successfully met the content standards of all content areas of the system of Learning Results and Common Core for ELA and Mathematics as determined by the local assessment system, and additional diplomas requirements as specified above.

Students, who successfully meet the content standards of the Learning Results and Common Core, as specified in the goals and objectives of their Individualized Education Plans, will be awarded diplomas.

A copy of this policy will be disseminated to all incoming ninth grade students at the time of course selection. In addition, a copy of this policy will be included in the student handbook.

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