

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Statement

Graduation from the Torrington High School implies (1) that students have satisfactorily completed the prescribed courses of study for the several grade levels in accordance with their respective abilities to achieve, (2) that they have satisfactorily passed any examinations and/or standards established by the faculty and approved by the board of education, and (3) that they have fulfilled the legally mandated number and distribution of credits. Graduation shall not be held until 180 days and 900 hours of actual school work are completed. The adopted school calendar shall indicate a graduation date which is no earlier than the 185th day. This may be modified after April 1 in any school year in conformity with applicable statute.

The Torrington Board of Education conforms with state regulations regarding credits for graduation from high school.

Beginning in 2006-2007, for the class graduating in 2007 and beyond, the following twenty-two (22) credits are required

English	4.0 credits
Mathematics	3.0 credits
Science	3.0 credits
Physical Education	1.0 credit
Social Studies	3.0 credits (including 1 credit in U.S. History and .5 in American Govt.)
Fine Arts	1.0 credit
Applied Education	1.0 credit
Electives	5.0 credits (including .5 credit in Computer Applications)
Health	1.0 credit
Total	22.0 credits

Beginning on August 29, 2007, credits will be awarded to students who pass required courses with a 65 average or higher.

Credits

A credit is defined as the equivalent of one forty-six minute class period for three days of each full week of a school year and one ninety-three minute extended class period one day of each full week of a school year or as a sixty minute class period each day of a school year. One-half credit is given for courses that complete work in one semester or 90 days. If physical education is not taken because of medical excuse, another subject may be substituted.

Only courses taken in grades nine through twelve, inclusive, shall satisfy this graduation requirement, except that a student may be granted credit for the successful completion of coursework at an institution accredited by the Department of Higher Education or regionally accredited. One three-credit semester course, or its equivalent, shall equal one-half high school credit. A student may also be granted credit toward meeting a specified course requirement in grade seven or eight, provided the primary focus of such course corresponds directly to the subject matter of a specified course requirement in grades nine to twelve inclusive.

Basic Skills Graduation Requirement

In order to graduate from Torrington High School, students beginning with the graduating class of 2008 must demonstrate proficiency in literacy and numeracy skills in the manner specified below. All students should strive to meet this requirement through CAPT first and then exercise the alternatives.

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Graduating Class of 2008

- CAPT scores at/above the proficiency standard
Literacy: Either Reading Across the Disciplines or
Writing Across the Disciplines
Numeracy: Mathematics

OR

- SAT/PSAT score at or above the national mean
Literacy: Critical reading
Numeracy: Mathematics

OR

- Successful completion of a portfolio in the deficit skill area(s) linked to a classroom experience.

Special Cases

Students with significant learning exceptionalities will have these options in their junior and senior year as pre-approved by the Director of Student Services and the building principal:

- Completion of a special needs portfolio linked to a classroom experience

OR

- Demonstrated progress on the Skills Checklist

OR

- Waiver through the PPT process

Graduating Class of 2009 and following graduating classes

- CAPT scores at/above the proficiency standard. Students who did not achieve proficiency in their sophomore year MUST retake the appropriate CAPT subtest(s) in the junior year.
Literacy: Either Reading Across the Disciplines or
Writing Across the Disciplines
Numeracy: Mathematics

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Awards of High School Diplomas

Students who complete all graduation requirements shall receive a diploma at the June commencement. Individuals also may satisfy graduation requirements by the satisfactory completion of the following:

1. Successful completion of a summer course or summer courses comparable (as determined by the principal) to the subject(s) in which the student was deficient.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes

10-16(1) Graduation exercises (as amended by PA 96-26, An Act Concerning Graduation Requirements and Readmission and Placement of Older Students).

10-221a High school graduation requirements.

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