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Hermon High School

Graduation Requirements

1. It is the policy of the Hermon School Committee that four years of attendance are required in order for a student to graduate with his/her class at Hermon High School.
2. Any request for a variance would ultimately be decided by the School Committee after reviewing the recommendations of the guidance counselor, principal and superintendent. The parents or legal guardian of the student requesting a variance must appear before the School Committee to confirm their support.
3. Beginning with the Class of 2008, students must meet the standards of the Maine Learning Results. Additionally, students must successfully complete a core curriculum as part of the 21 credits required for graduation. Students are required to build a schedule with a minimum of 6 credits/5 credits for seniors involved in a work study program. Students and parents are advised to consider course selections carefully for after the beginning of school, course changes will be made only for substantial educational reasons.
 - (a) **ENGLISH:** 4 years – 4 credits
– No student may take more than one English course.
 - (b) **MATH:** 3 years – 3 credits
 - (c) **SCIENCE:** 3 years – 3 credits
- One year must be a lab science.
- A physical science component is required.
 - (d) **SOCIAL STUDIES:** 3 years – 3 credits
- One credit in freshman social studies and one credit in U.S. history will be required.
 - (e) **PHYSICAL EDUCATION:** 1-1/2 years – 1-1/2 credits
 - (f) **HEALTH:** – ½ year – ½ credit
 - (g) **VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS:** 1 credit
 - (h) Computer proficiency must be demonstrated prior to graduation.

- (i) Prior to graduation, students must successfully complete 20 hours of community service – approved, certified and recorded by the Guidance Department.
- (j) Foreign language is recommended for every student.
- (k) When an individual educational program (I.E.P.) team has chosen to appropriately adapt the graduation requirements set forth in this policy to the unique skills and abilities of an exceptional student, that student should be eligible to receive a high school diploma if he/she completes the adapted requirements.
- (l) In cases of special need, the principal may waive a physical education requirement if it is in the student's best interest.
- (m) Students who intend to apply more than two credits from sources other than Hermon High School while enrolled at Hermon High School need to seek prior approval from the Hermon School Committee.
- (n) Transfer students' requirements will be at the discretion of the high school principal.
- (o) All students in their third year of high school will be required to take the SAT test in critical reading, writing and mathematics on the date(s) determined by the Maine Department of Education. This requirement encourages all students to engage in instruction and assessment that is intended to raise expectations and to increase readiness for college or other post secondary opportunities; is consistent with the high expectations for student achievement expressed in the Maine's Learning Results; and supports the emerging PreK – 16 College Ready Initiative already underway as a joint effort of the University System and the Maine Department of Education.
- (p) Beginning with the Class of 2008, all students in their second year of high school will be required to take the PSAT test on the date(s) to be determined by the Maine Department of Education. This requirement encourages all students to engage in instruction and assessment that is intended to raise expectations, to increase readiness for college or other post secondary opportunities, and is consistent with the high expectations for student achievement expressed in Maine's Learning Results.