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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

There are two options that will allow students to earn a Somersworth High School/Career Technical Center (SHS/CTC) diploma.

Option #1: SHS/CTC Regular Diploma: a minimum of 26 credits are required by content area credits and competencies as follows:

Required Subjects	Credit(s)
Arts education	½ credit
Information and communications technologies	½ credit
English	4 credits
Mathematics	3 credits*
Physical sciences	1 credit
Biological sciences	1 credit
US and NH history	1 credit
US and NH government/civics	½ credit
Economics	½ credit
World history, global studies, or geography	½ credit
Health education	1 credit
Physical education	1 credit
Open electives	11.5 credits
Totals:	26 credits

Option #2 SHS/CTC Minimum Standards Diploma: a minimum of 20 credits are required by content area credits and competencies, as follows:

Arts education	½ credit
Information and communications technologies	½ credit
English	4 credits
Mathematics	3 credits*
Physical sciences	1 credit
Biological sciences	1 credit
US and NH history	1 credit
US and NH government/civics	½ credit
Economics	½ credit

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World history, global studies, or geography	½ credit
Health education	½ credit
Physical education	1 credit
Open electives	6 credits
Totals	20 credits

* including algebra credit that can be earned through a sequential, integrated, or applied program

The Board may approve other academic requirements for graduation.

Awarding of Credit

Credit will be awarded in accordance with Policy IK, Earning of Credit. A unit of credit or fraction thereof shall be given upon satisfactory completion of a course or learning experience in compliance with the district-specified curriculum and assessment standards. In some cases, course credit may also be awarded based on demonstrated mastery of the required competencies for the course. Assessment of mastery will be the responsibility of the Principal, and will be in accordance with Policy ILBAA, High School Competency Assessments. Credit will be awarded only once for a specific required course with the same content during the secondary school experience.

Alternative Credit Options

In some cases, credit may be earned through alternative methods outside of regular classroom-based instruction offered by the district schools. Awarding of credits to be applied toward high school graduation will be determined by the high school principal. Such credit will be granted pursuant to the provisions of Policy IMBC, Alternative Credit Options and other applicable Board policies.

Alternative Learning Plans

As an alternative to satisfying the provisions of this policy and related State requirements, students may also graduate from high school and obtain either a high school diploma or its equivalent by participating in an alternative learning plan or program. The provisions of Policy IHBI, Alternative Learning Plans, shall apply in such an event.

Passage of Civics Exam:

The district will develop a competency assessment of United States government and civics, consistent with pertinent and applicable law. This assessment will be administered to students as part of the high school course in history and government of the United States and New

Hampshire. Students who attain a passing grade on this assessment will be eligible to receive a high school diploma.

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Legal References:

Ed 306.04(a)(14), Alternative Means Of Demonstrating Achievement Of Graduation Competencies
Ed 306.04(a)(16), Credit Earned; Tracking of Graduation Competencies
Ed 306.04(a)(25), Graduation Competencies
Ed 306.04(a)(26), Graduation Competencies
Ed 306.141(a)(6), Achievement of District and Graduation Competencies; Awarding of Credit
Ed 306.27, High School Curriculum, Credits, Graduation Requirements
RSA 189:11, Instruction in National and State History and Government.

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