




STATE OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF EDUCATION



TO: Superintendents of Schools

FROM: Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Commissioner of Education 

DATE: May 23, 2022

SUBJECT: 2023 State High School Graduation Requirements

This memorandum provides superintendents of schools, high school administrators and school counselors with a clarification on the new state high school graduation requirements outlined in subsection (c) of Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-221a.

These requirements (i.e., 25 total credits with nine credits in Humanities and STEM each) apply to all students who are part of the graduating class of 2023, and each subsequent class thereafter. The 2023 graduating class represents those students who were incoming first-year high school (Grade 9) students in the 2019-20 school year. Students who entered high school prior to the 2019-2020 school year are not subject to these new requirements. For example, a student who entered high school in the 2017-2018 or 2018-2019 school year, and therefore was part of the graduating class of either 2021 or 2022, would not be subject to these requirements, even if the student did not graduate with their original class.

These new state high school graduation requirements apply to all students including students with disabilities and English learners. If you have any questions, please contact Chief Academic Officer Irene Parisi at Irene.Parisi@ct.gov.

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