

## GRADUATION POLICY

### Graduation Requirements

Graduation Requirements are as follows:

- Passing scores on MCAS Test
- 110 credits accumulated as follows:

English	20 credits
Mathematics	15 credits
Science	15 credits
Social Studies	12.5 credits*
Health/PE	10 credits**
Fine Arts	5 credits

The remainder of the 110 credit requirement will be filled through electives.

\*World Culture and Civilization (5 credits), US History (5 credits), and American Government (2.5 credits) courses are required

\*\*Health (2.5 credits) and Physical Education (5 credits) courses are required

When students complete their Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior year, they will advance to the next grade level. Students will advance to the next grade level even if they are deficient in credits from the previous year. Students may remain in the Senior Year for as many years as necessary to complete their credit requirement for graduation, and/or pass MCAS, and/or earn a Certificate of Occupational Proficiency (COP) in a career or skill area.

### Early Graduation

Upon recommendation of Superintendent and approval of School Committee.

### Graduation Exercises

The date of the high school graduation exercises will be on the most appropriate weekend, not more than 12 school days prior to the end of the school year, in compliance with the state laws.

Legal Ref.: M.G.L. 71:4

1st reading: Reg SC Mtg 4/16/08

2nd reading: Reg SC Mtg 5/7/08

*\*Please refer to the Procedures for High School Graduation (File: I31.1) and the Procedure for Middle School Grade 8 Recognition Ceremony (File: I31.2) located in the Chicopee Public Schools Procedures Manual.*