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MSAD 54 Graduation Requirements

Credits Required For Graduation:

SAHS awards credits for students who complete an approved learning experience. Learning experiences are built on curriculum standards and include Skowhegan Area High School courses, SCTC courses, independent studies, or other approved alternative pathways. A credit is not based solely upon the notion of seat time; rather, it is based on the demonstration of effective progress toward mastery of curriculum standards in a predetermined learning experience. Incorporated within each learning experience are the Guiding Principles.

- Clear and effective communicator
- Self-directed and lifelong learner
- Creative and practical problem solver
- Responsible and involved citizen
- Integrative and informed thinker

Students at Skowhegan Area High School must earn a minimum number of 22 credits toward graduation.

The following specific credit requirements are in effect:

English - 4 credits

Math - 3 credits

Science - 3 credits

Social Studies - 4 credits

Fine Arts -1 credit

PE - 1 credit and Health - .5 credit

Financial Literacy - .5 and Career and College Prep - .5 credit

Additional Credits - 4.5 credit

Special Education Students

A student with an identified disability, who achieves effective progress toward mastery of curriculum standards for graduation, as specified by the goals and objectives of the child's individualized education plan, is eligible for a high school diploma.

College Completion

A SAHS student who satisfactorily completes the freshman year in an accredited degree-granting institution of higher education may be eligible to receive a diploma from Skowhegan Area High School.

Alternative Pathways

Students have the opportunity of meeting requirements through multiple pathways. These experiences can happen both within and outside of school.

Options may include, but not limited to, the following:

- Academic courses offered by the school.
- Dual enrollment or early college courses.
- Career and Technical Education Programming
- Online or blended learning options
- Alternative programming
- Apprenticeships, internships, field work, or exchange experiences.
- Independent studies or long-term projects.
- Adult Education

Graduation

- A student must complete all Board requirements for a high school diploma to participate in graduation exercises.

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