

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Those students who complete the prescribed course of study in the high and elementary schools in a manner satisfactory to the principals and the Superintendent shall receive diplomas or certificates signed by the Mayor, the Superintendent and the principal of their school. A list of students entitled to such diplomas or certificates shall be sent to the Executive Secretary of the School Committee not later than June tenth of each year.

Examination of Elementary School Students

A student in the eighth grade of an elementary school who receives a failing grade in two or more subjects shall not be granted a certificate, but shall be given the opportunity to take an examination in those subjects in which she/he has failed. Upon passing such examination, she/he shall be granted a diploma and allowed to enter high school on a probationary basis.

Examinations shall be held in September of each year.

High School Graduation Requirements

Graduation is a very important event for our students, their families, friends, and the entire community. Students must earn 224 (two hundred twenty-four) credits in order to be eligible to graduate with a Cambridge Rindge and Latin School diploma. The credits are broken down as follows:

English - 40 (forty) credits

Science - 30 (thirty) credits

Math – 30 (thirty) credits

Social Studies (which includes U.S. History) - 30 (thirty) credits

World Language – 20 (twenty) credits

Visual, Performing or Technical Arts – 20 (twenty) credits

Health – 5 (five) credits

Physical Education must be taken once per year

A swimming requirement must be fulfilled

The balance of credits are earned through electives

In addition to completing local graduation requirements, in accordance with the requirements of federal and state law, students must pass both the English and Math portions of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) in order to graduate from CRLS and receive a CRLS diploma.

Early Graduation

The high school shall establish procedures for the purpose of permitting students who have fulfilled graduation requirements early with the opportunity to graduate early with such early graduations occurring no earlier than the beginning of the second semester of Grade 11.

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