

## New Hampshire Recognized Rigorous Secondary School Programs of Study

The eligibility options for a student graduating from secondary school in New Hampshire during the 2007 calendar year are:

- ***Granite State Scholars.*** This program, part of the national State Scholars Initiative and patterned after the recommendations of the National Commission on Excellence in Education, requires at least:
  - Four years of English;
  - Three years of math (Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II);
  - Three years of lab science (biology, chemistry, and physics);
  - Three-and-one-half years of social studies (chosen from U.S. and World History, Geography, Economics and Government); and
  - Two years of a language other than English.
  
- ***A set of courses similar to the State Scholars Initiative.*** This program of study requires passing grades in the following:
  - Four years of English;
  - Three years of math (including Algebra I and a higher level course such as Algebra II, geometry, or data analysis and statistics);
  - Three years of science (including at least two courses from biology, chemistry or physics);
  - Three years of social studies; and
  - One year of a foreign language.
  
- ***Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and test scores.*** This program requires a minimum of two Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses in high school and a minimum passing score on the exams for those classes. Students must score 3 or higher on AP exams and 4 or higher on IB exams.
  
- ***New Hampshire Dual Enrollment Program.*** This program has the following requirements:
  - Students enrolled in “Running Start” and other dual enrollment programs offered across New Hampshire in partnerships between the public two and four-year systems and private four-year institutions of higher education. Students are expected to achieve a Grade of B or above to qualify for this designation. Recommended coursework:
    - Arts Education – 1 credit
    - Business Education – 1 credit
    - World Languages – 2 credits
    - English – 4 credits
    - Mathematics (Algebra I, Algebra II, and geometry) – 3 credits
    - Science – 3 credits
    - Social Studies – 3 credits

- All students engaged in, and successfully complete, courses that meet or exceed national program standards for Career Technical Education and Project Lead the Way. Recommended coursework:
  - Career Technical Program – 4 credits
  - Arts Education – 1 credit
  - Business Education – 1 credit
  - World Languages – 2 credits
  - English – 4 credits
  - Mathematics (Algebra I, Algebra II, and geometry) – 3 credits
  - Science – 3 credits
  - Social Studies – 3 credits
  
- All students engaged in, and successfully complete, Programs of the Arts that meet or exceed program competency with a grade of B or better. Recommended coursework:
  - Performing or Visual Arts Education – 4 credits
  - Business Education – 1 credit
  - World Languages – 2 credits
  - English – 4 credits
  - Mathematics (Algebra I, Algebra II, and geometry) – 3 credits
  - Science – 3 credits
  - Social Studies – 3 credits