

## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

The ABRSD graduation requirements represent the expectations that we have for our students to leave ABRHS prepared to pursue their post-secondary goals. The School Committee supports the actions of the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District to more closely align its graduation requirements with MassCore's recommendations, and we endorse MassCore's program tenets that middle and high schools develop a broad range of courses that interest and engage students.

All Acton-Boxborough Regional High School students must meet the following minimum requirements to graduate and receive a diploma:

Passing grades in:

- Four years of English
- Three years of social studies (one of which must be U.S. History)
- Three years of science (one of which must be biology)\*
- Three years of mathematics\*
- Two years of a world language (students may be eligible for a waiver through an appeals process)\*
- Fitness for Living (1 year alternate days)  
This course includes two terms of Health Education and two terms of physical education.
- Three semesters of physical education over the next three years (10, 11 & 12)
- Academic elective requirement - one additional year of English, social studies, math or science, or a third year of a world language.
- One semester of Communication Arts, Industrial Arts, Performing Arts or Visual Arts.

All students must take and pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests in order to qualify for a high school diploma. These tests are given at the high school beginning in the spring of sophomore year. Thereafter, they are administered at least twice a year.

All students new to the state of Massachusetts should contact their counselor as soon as possible for additional information and to be sure that they are signed up to take the MCAS tests at the next appropriate administration.

### Credit Requirements

One hundred credits are required for graduation.

\*These changes would take effect with the Class of 2025.

REF: *MassCore FAQs* and *MassCore for Parents/Guardians* at  
<http://www.doe.mass.edu/ccte/ccr/masscore/>

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