

**Instruction****Graduation Requirements****I. Introduction**

To graduate from the Brookfield Public Schools a student must have earned a minimum of 23.5 credits and must have met the credit distribution requirement. Students in the Class of 2006 and beyond must also meet six performance standards: literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, technology and health and fitness.

**II. Credit Distribution Requirement**

The following courses must be passed:

- A. English – 4 credits
- B. Mathematics – 3 credits
- C. Social Studies – 4 credits including 1.0 in United States History and .5 in Civics.
- D. Science – 3 credits
- E. Physical Education/Health – 2.5 credits
- F. Applied Education – 1.0 credit
  - Business
  - Family and Consumer Science
  - Technology Education
- G. Fine and Performing Arts – 1.0 credit
  - Art
  - Music

**III. District's Performance Standards****A. Literacy**

Students will produce an essay that is focused, organized, supported with specific textual evidence, and edited for standard English conventions in response to a classic text.

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**III. District's Performance Standards (Cont'd)**

**B. Mathematics**

Students will demonstrate basic skill knowledge and application in the following mathematical strands: number sense, operations, estimation and approximation, ratios/proportion/percents, measurement, geometry, statistics, discrete math, patterns, and algebraic functions.

**C. Science**

Students will describe and analyze an environmental issue and explain how the problem may be addressed.

**D. Social Studies**

Students will describe and analyze an international political, social or economic issue and explain how the problem may be addressed.

**E. Technology**

Students will demonstrate competency in at least three of the following technologies to create written, visual, oral and multimedia products designed to communicate ideas, information or conclusions to others:

- word processing, including proficiency with keyboarding skills
- power point
- internet searching
- spreadsheets
- databases
- digital imaging
- web-site design
- digital imaging/graphic design
- CAD
- programming language

**Instruction****Graduation Requirements (Cont'd)****F. Health and Fitness**

Students will demonstrate knowledge of a healthy and fit lifestyle by designing a personal fitness and nutritional program.

**IV. Exemptions****A. Transfers**

If a student transfers into the Brookfield Public Schools after satisfactorily completing the basic skills requirements at another Connecticut high school, he/she may be exempted from Brookfield's performance standards requirement for graduation. However, students transferring in from another out of state high school, a private school or those who have not satisfied the basic skills requirement at another Connecticut high school must meet Brookfield's performance standards requirement.

**B. Special Needs**

Students with special needs may be exempt from district performance standards for graduation as described in this policy if so indicated in their Individual Education Plan.

**V. Implementation**

**A.** Students will have multiple opportunities over the course of their high school years to demonstrate each performance standard, including achievement on local assessments, CAPT and other standardized tests.

**B.** Students who do not satisfactorily demonstrate the district's performance standards or who do not qualify for an exemption will be offered remedial opportunities in order to achieve the standards.

**VI. Notification**

Teachers will be notified annually of the students who have not met the performance standards requirements.

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Students and parents will be notified in writing no later than November of a student's junior year if the student has met each performance standard requirement.

For those students who did not meet one or more performance standard requirement(s) after the initial notification in November of their junior year, another notification will be sent to the student and the parents before the end of the junior year. This will be repeated in the senior year if necessary.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes

10-18 Courses in United States history, government and duties and responsibilities of citizenship

10-19 Teaching about alcohol, nicotine or tobacco, drugs and acquired immune deficiency syndrome

10-220 Duties of boards of education

10-220a High school graduation requirements

10-233a Promotion and graduation policies. (As amended by PA 01-166)

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