

Pittsfield School District

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Pittsfield High School Diploma. A Pittsfield High School Diploma will be awarded to a student who has met all conditions of the Pittsfield School District, including the achievement of 21.25 credits as specified below and has been fully enrolled in accordance to the New Hampshire Department of Education standards as specified in Ed 306.27, High School Curriculum, Credits, Graduation Requirements, and Co-Curricular Program or its successor.

<u>Credit Requirement</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Arts Education	0.5
Community Service	0.25
English Language Arts	4.0
Health Education	0.5
Information and Communication Technologies	0.5
Mathematics	3.0
Open Electives	5.5
Physical Education	1.0
Science	3.0
Social Studies	3.0

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<u>Credit Requirement</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Arts Education	0.5
English	4.0
Health Education	0.5
Information and Communication Technologies	0.5
Mathematics	3.0
Open Electives	6.0
Physical Education	1.0
Science	2.0
Social Studies	2.5

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Pittsfield Middle High School Certificate of Attendance. A Pittsfield High School Certificate of Attendance will be awarded to a student who has an Individual Education Plan that does not meet the requirements of either a Pittsfield High School Diploma or a Pittsfield School District Diploma. This option is only available through review and consideration of the administration or his / her designee and the student services director or his / her designee, in collaboration with the student and /or his / her parent or guardian and the student’s Individual Education Plan Team.

Repeating Courses. Credit will be awarded for high school courses based on the demonstration of mastery of all course competencies. Credit recovery will be based on demonstrating mastery of those competencies not demonstrated by the end of the course.

Alternative Credit Options. Credit may be earned through alternative methods outside of regular classroom-based instruction in accordance with Board policies. Such alternative methods of instruction may include extended learning opportunities, distance learning, alternative learning plans, or others approved by the superintendent or his / her designee. Awarding of credits to be applied toward high school graduation requirements will be determined by the administration on a case-by-case basis.

Graduation Ceremony. Only those students who qualify for a Pittsfield High School Diploma, the Pittsfield School District Diploma, or Pittsfield High School Certificate of Attendance will participate in the annual graduation ceremony.

Exceptions. The Board reserves the right to grant exceptions to this policy upon recommendation of the superintendent of schools.

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