

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Beginning with the 2004-2005 school year, students will be required to meet the content standards of the local system of learning results in order to receive a diploma from Mount Desert Island Regional High School. The new requirements will be phased in over the course of six years, with full implementation of the content standards in the 2009-2010 school year.

In addition to the requirements for specific school years listed below, all students must meet the following requirements to receive a high school diploma:

Students Graduating in 2004-2005

In order to receive a diploma from Mount Desert Island Regional High School, students are required to meet the content standards of the system of learning results according to the local assessment system for English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science/Technology and Health/Physical Education and also successfully complete a total of 23 one-year course equivalents (credits) as follows:

- A. **English Language Arts** – meet the content standards of the system of learning results and 4 credits.
- B. **Social Studies** - meet the content standards of the system of learning results – 3 credits (including one year of American History and Government).
- C. **Mathematics** – meet the content standards of the system of learning results and 3 credits.
- D. **Science and Technology** – meet the content standards of the system of learning results – 3 credits (including at least one year of laboratory study).
- E. **Fine Arts** (which may include arts, music, forensics or drama) – 1 credit.
- F. **Health/Physical Education** – meet the content standards of the system of learning results (including Physical Education - 1 credit and Health – ½ credit).
- G. **Life Skills** – 1 credit from Business, Family Education, or Technology.
- H. The remaining credits may be selected by the student on the basis of his or her interests, abilities and plans following graduation.

In addition to meeting the learning results content standards and credit requirements, students must complete 15 hours of community service.

Beginning with the class of 2006, students must have 20 documented hours of community service. In addition, all students must successfully demonstrate that they have met the Learning Results through a senior exhibition.

Students Graduating in 2009-2010 [entering 9th grade in 2006-2007 or otherwise intending to graduate in 2009-2010 or later]

In order to receive a diploma from Mount Desert Island Regional High School, students are required to meet the content standards of the system of learning results according to the local assessment system in all content areas of the system of learning results, and must also successfully complete a total of 23 one-year course equivalents (credits) as follows:

- A. **English Language Arts** – meet the content standards of the system of learning results and 4 credits.
- B. **Social Studies** – meet the content standards of the system of learning results and 3 credits (including one year of American History and Government).
- C. **Mathematics** – meet the content standards of the system of learning results and 3 credits.
- D. **Science and Technology** – meet the content standards of the system of learning results and 3 credits (including at least one year of laboratory study)
- E. **Visual and Performing Arts** – meet the content standards of the system of learning results and 1 credit.
- F. **Health and Physical Education** – meet the content standards of the system of learning results and 1-1/2 credits.
- G. **Life Skills** – 1 credit from Business, Family Education or Technology.
- H. **Career Preparation** – meet the content standards of the system of learning results and a credit requirement which will be determined at a later date.
- I. **Modern and Classical Languages** – meet the content standards of the system of learning results and a credit requirement which will be determined at a later date.
- J. The remaining credits may be selected by the student on the basis of his or her interests, abilities and plans following graduation.

Cross References: IKF-R – Graduation Guidelines
ILA – Local Assessment System

Legal References: 20-A M.R.S.A. § 4722, 6202-A
Ch. 125, 127, 131 (Maine Department of Education Rules)

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