

## Graduation Requirements

The Rhode Island Department of Education has developed a Rhode Island Diploma System that affects all public high school students beginning with the Class of 2008. The elements that will be included for Barrington High School students are:

- Completion of a minimum of 23 Carnegie units (credits)
- Demonstration of proficiency in six core content areas (English, mathematics, science, social studies, the arts and technology)
- Participation in the state assessments
- Completion of end-of-course examinations
- Successful completion of the Senior Project
- Creation of an Individual Learning Plan (ILP)

Students must earn 23 Carnegie units (credits) and meet all course requirements as follows:

Course(s)	Credit(s)
English	4.00
Mathematics	4.00
Science	3.00
Social Studies	
• Western Civilization	1.00
• United States History	1.00
• American Government	.50
• Economics	.50
Art/Music/Theatre/Dance	.50
Computer Science	.50
Physical Education/Health	2.00
Electives	6.00
Senior Project	Must Pass
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>23.00</b>

In order to receive a Barrington High School diploma, a student must have attended Barrington High School for at least a full semester immediately prior to graduation. The transcripts of students who transfer from another school will be reviewed to determine if any modifications in either course or credit requirements are warranted. Under extenuating circumstances, the credit requirement for physical education/health may be waived for medical reasons.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of a student who has not met the above requirements, has an active Individual Education Plan (IEP), is eligible for a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) until the age of twenty-one, will have completed four years of high school and who wishes to participate in the graduation ceremony with his or her class, may request that the student participate in graduation ceremonies and receive a certificate of participation.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must notify the high school principal prior to October of the school year in which they wish to have their child participate. Receipt of a certificate of participation under this policy will not affect a student's right to receive FAPE, or to receive a diploma in the event that the student should subsequently meet the above requirements.

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