

Graduation Requirements

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Students who Enter Level I in September 2005 or Later

Students require 36 credits to graduate from the Newfoundland and Labrador high school system. However, most students complete 14 credits each year for a total of 42 credits after three years. Credits must be completed to fulfil each of the subject area credit requirements below.

Please note:

Satisfying Minimum Graduation Requirements does not necessarily satisfy entrance requirements for many post-secondary schools. Students wishing to attend a post-secondary school should consult entrance requirements for the particular school.

Subject Area	Required # of Credits
Language Arts	
English Language Arts	6 credits
Optional Language Arts	2 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science	4 credits
Social Studies	
World Studies	2 credits
Canada Studies	2 credits
Career Education*	2 credits
Fine Arts	2 credits
Physical Education	2 credits
Other Required Credits	
Enterprise Education, French, Religious Education, Technology Education, Family Studies**	4 credits
Any Subject Areas	6 credits
Total	36 credits

* This requirement includes a community contribution component.

** Students must complete courses from any *two* of the categories. However, students may use four French credits to fulfil this requirement.

Notes:

1. at least **20 of the total credits** must be obtained **beyond Level I**, and
2. at least **9 of the total credits** must be **beyond Level II**. At least 5 of these credits must be obtained in the Newfoundland and Labrador Senior High School Program.
3. A students cannot use more than 4 local course credits (including alternate courses) to contribute to the 36 credits to graduate.

Course Numbering System

1st Digit

Indicates the year in which the course is normally studied

1XXX	1st Year Course
2XXX	2nd Year Course
3XXX	3rd Year Course
4XXX	4th Year Course

2nd Digit

Indicates the number of credits assigned to the course

X1XX	1 Credit
X2XX	2 Credits

3rd Digit

Is used by the Department of Education to indicate the specific status of a course

XX0X	Regular Status
XX1X	Provincial Pilot
XX2X	Local Course

4th Digit

Differentiates between course in the same subject

1XX2
1XX5

More detail can be obtained from the publication *Senior High School Certification Handbook* available from the Division of Evaluation and Research.