

Policy 316

Graduation Requirements

Effective: July 1, 2001

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1.0 Purpose

This policy defines the public school graduation requirements in the province of New Brunswick.

2.0 Application

This policy applies to the granting of a New Brunswick high school diploma. The requirements differ between the anglophone and francophone sectors.

3.0 Definitions

None.

4.0 Legal Considerations and Authority

[Education Act](#)

26 A New Brunswick high school diploma shall be granted to pupils enrolled in the public education program provided under this Act who successfully complete a program of studies by the Minister.

5.0 Goals/Principles

- 5.1** The Department of Education provides a public school system that operates in the best interests of all children and desires to have each student develop the attributes needed to be a lifelong learner, to achieve personal fulfillment and to contribute to a just, democratic productive society.
- 5.2** The Department of Education places a strong emphasis on providing a balanced curriculum.
- 5.3** Differing requirements between the linguistic sectors permit the recognition of the cultural duality of the province.

6.0 Requirements/Standards

- 6.1** Graduation requirements found in Appendix A are applicable to students entering Grade 11 or Grade 12 as of September 2023. Both linguistic sectors have four-year high school programs. In anglophone districts, the successful completion of grades 9 and 10 precedes the acquisition of credits toward graduation requirements, which are fulfilled in grades 11 and 12. In francophone districts, the successful completion of Grade 9 precedes the acquisition of credits toward graduation requirements, which are fulfilled in grades 10, 11 and 12. The graduation requirements which shall be met for the anglophone sector are attached – [Appendix A](#). The graduation requirements for the francophone sector can be found in Appendix A of the French version of this policy.
- 6.2** Graduation requirements found in [Appendix B](#) are applicable to students entering Grade 9 or Grade 10 as of September 2023. Students in anglophone districts can begin to accumulate credit hours in courses once they have met the learning requirements prescribed for the Grade 9 curriculum in the corresponding subject area or equivalent. Students will be able to graduate when the graduation requirements are met. Appendix B does not apply to students in the francophone sector.

7.0 Guidelines/Recommendations

None.

8.0 District Education Council (DEC) Policy Making

District Education Councils have no policy-making authority regarding high school graduation requirements.

9.0 References

Atlantic Canada Education Foundation for Essential Graduation Learnings

[Education Act](#)

For information regarding New Brunswick Curriculum, see the following:
https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/education/k12/content/anglophone_sector/curriculum_anglophone.html

[Policy 303](#) – Locally Developed Courses

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