

Holyoke High School

GRADE PROMOTION POLICY AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Listed below are the minimum requirements for grade promotion and for graduation

- All courses must be taken and completed and all credits earned while the student is enrolled in high school or an accredited post-high school program.
- Classes of **2010 & 2011** - The Massachusetts Department of Education requires that students obtain a score of at least a 240 on the ELA and Math sections of the MCAS exam and at least a score of 220 on one MCAS Science exam in order to graduate.
- Class of **2012** - The Massachusetts Department of Education requires that students obtain a score of at least a 240 on the ELA and Math sections of the MCAS exam, at least a score of 220 on one MCAS Science exam.
- Students must meet the graduation requirements of the class with which they graduate.
- Students must meet Competency Determinations or Certificate of Attainment requirements to participate in commencement exercises.
- Individual graduation status sheets will be provided for each student.

Promotion from grade 9 to 10	30 credits including English/ESL
Promotion from grade 10 to 11	60 credits including English/ESL
Promotion from grade 11 to 12	90 credits including English/ESL*
For graduation	a minimum of 120 credits

For all classes, the following requirements must be included in the total credits for graduation:

English	4 courses
Mathematics	3 courses
Social Studies	2 courses (including one course in U.S. History) 3 beginning with the Class of 2013
Science	3 courses – starting with the class of 2010

In addition, all students must take 4 courses in physical education (1 each year).

* If necessary, a grade 12 student may take both English 11 and English 12, or the equivalent in English as a Second Language/English courses.

Summer School attendance will be allowed only for students with a final grade of F+ (50–59 average) in the course they wish to retake.