

HOLYOKE HIGH SCHOOL

GRADE PROMOTION POLICY & 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.
- The Massachusetts Department of Education requires that students pass the MCAS exam in order to graduate, beginning with the class of 2003.
- Students must meet the graduation requirements of the class with which they graduate.
- Students who do not satisfy the graduation requirement cannot participate in graduation exercises.

Promotion from grade 9 to 10 → **27.5 credits including English/ESL**

Promotion from grade 10 to 11 → **60 credits including English/ESL**

Promotion from grade 11 to 12 → **85 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
Science	3 courses
Social Studies	- 2 courses (including one course in U.S. History) - 3 courses beginning with Class of 2014 (including one course in U.S. History)
Physical Education	4 courses (one 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 for make-up credit will be allowed only for students with a final grade of F+ (50–59 average) in the course they wish to retake.