

Rutland Windsor Supervisory Union Union #39 School District	GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND PARTICIPATION IN GRADUATION ACTIVITIES	F40
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Policy

It is the policy of the Rutland Windsor Supervisory Union, Union #39 School District, Black River Middle/High School to provide students with minimum high school graduation requirements that are rigorous and prepares students for post secondary education and the world of work. The graduation requirements meet or exceed requirements in the Vermont School Quality Standards.

I. Procedure

A. Black River Graduation Requirements:

To graduate from Black River Middle/High School, a student shall earn a minimum of twenty-eight (28) credits as outlined below for Grades 9-12.

Course of Study	Minimum Credits Required
English-----	4.0
Social Studies-----	3.0
Science-----	3.0
Mathematics-----	3.0
Art/Music-----	1.0
Health-----	0.5
Physical Education-----	1.5
Electives-----	<u>12.00</u>
Total	28.00

All students must earn a minimum of twenty-eight (28) credits in Grades 9-12 awarded by Black River Middle/High School which shall accept credits received from other accredited secondary schools, including summer school.

B. Graduation Activities:

In order for a Black River student to participate in the graduation ceremony, s/he must have earned the twenty-eight (28) graduation requirements outlined in this policy. The graduation ceremony is not a mandatory activity for graduating seniors.

Students completing an approved alternative program may participate in the graduation ceremony and receive a Black River Diploma. Programs such as the High School Completion Program, Adult Diploma Program, Gateway Program, and Regional Technical Centers are considered approved programs. Students completing an approved Personalized Graduation Plan are also eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Eligible war veterans will be issued a Black River Diploma and can participate in the graduation ceremony when the school is notified by the State Veteran’s Affairs Office.

1. Students Receiving Special Education Services:

a. A student who is receiving special education services described in an Individualized Education Program (IEP) pursuant to state and federal law and who will need more than four years of high school to complete the graduation requirements and IEP transition goals, will be provided the opportunity to participate in the graduation ceremony and activities after four years of high school attendance with his or her age-appropriate peers. This shall be documented as part of the student’s transition plan.

b. The above-mentioned students shall not receive a diploma. Participation in a graduation ceremony under this section does not preclude a student from continuing to receive special education and related services pursuant to an IEP beyond the graduation ceremony.

c. Upon completion of the student’s graduation requirements and transition goals, the student shall receive a Black River diploma. If the student did not participate in a graduation ceremony with his/her age appropriate peers, he/she may participate in graduation at the time of receiving a diploma.

d. Unless the Black River Middle/High School Principal determines otherwise, a student may only participate in one graduation ceremony.

All participants in the graduation ceremony will be listed in the commencement program with no mention of the program they have completed.

Legal Reference(s): School Quality Standard: 2120.8.7, Statutory Authority: 16 V.S.A. §§ 164, 165

Cross Reference(s): Commissioner Vilaseca Memorandum Dated January 5, 2010

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