

Subject: Graduation Requirements
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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 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 prescribed 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 and 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.

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6.0 REQUIREMENTS / STANDARDS

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.

7.0 GUIDELINES / RECOMMENDATIONS

None

8.0 DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL 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](http://www.gnb.ca/acts/acts/e-01-12.htm) – <http://www.gnb.ca/acts/acts/e-01-12.htm>

For information regarding New Brunswick curriculum, see the following:

<http://www.gnb.ca/0000/anglophone-e.asp>

[Policy 303](#) – *Locally Developed Courses*

10.0 CONTACTS FOR MORE INFORMATION

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