

West Hartford Public School District

Agenda Item: Motion by Lib Brassil Spinella, Bruce Putterman, and Terry Schmitt to Accept and Approve Revised Policy 6310--**Second Reading**

Meeting Date: February 7, 2012

From: Lib Brassil Spinella, Bruce Putterman, and Terry Schmitt

Through: Karen L. List, Superintendent of Schools

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education accept and approve as a Second and Final Reading the following policy which was revised by the Board Policy Subcommittee:

#6310 Graduation Requirements

Note: Words in (*italics*) within parentheses are being removed from the current policy and words in **bold** are being added to the current policy.

Background:

Lib Brassil Spinella, Bruce Putterman, Terry Schmitt, Tom Moore, Eileen Howley, and Kimberly Boneham will be available to answer any questions.

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WEST HARTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

POLICY 6310

Instruction

Graduation Requirements (*/Standards of Proficiency*)

(The granting of a high school diploma is based on the satisfactory completion of the prescribed course of study.)

(The faculty shall submit to the board of education through the superintendent their detailed requirements and standards of proficiency to agree with the goals of our schools as adopted by the board of education. It is expected that the faculty will apply measures of achievement to provide evidence that each student has progressed far enough toward school goals to warrant graduation according to the terms of paragraph #1 above.)

(The board of education – in recognition of its responsibility for the education of all youths in the school system, including those who drop out of school – may make available to all the school district’s youths alternative programs for meeting standards that will enable them to acquire a high school diploma or vocational school certificate.)

(Any person may request examinations in one or more subjects, as provided for by law, as part of the process for applying for a state high school diploma to be issued by the commissioner of education.)

(cf. 5430 Students – Graduation)

(Policy adopted: July 11, 1988)

WEST HARTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

POLICY (5430) 6310

(Students—Progress) **Instruction**

Graduation Requirements

I. Introduction

To graduate from West Hartford Public Schools a student must have satisfactorily earned a minimum of 21.75 units of credit and must have met the credit distribution requirement. Students must also meet four performance standards: reading/writing, mathematics, and science as measured by the CAPT or other alternatives as outlined in the administrative regulations of this policy, and technology.

II. Credit Distribution

The following courses must be passed:

- A. English 4 units
- B. Mathematics 3 units
- C. Science 2 units
 - 1 unit physical science
 - 1 unit life science
- D. Arts and/or Technical Education 1 unit
- E. Social Studies 3 units
 - 1 unit in U.S. history
 - 1 unit in world civilization
 - ½ unit in American government
 - ½ unit elective
- F. Physical Education & Health 1.75 units
- G. Electives 7 units

Upon recommendation of the high school principal and approval of the Superintendent of Schools, this requirement for graduation may be met, in part, on an equivalency basis as designated in the administrative regulations.

III. District's Performance Standards

- A. **Reading/Writing:** Students shall, prior to the completion of their senior year, produce an essay based upon an assigned reading that is focused, organized, elaborated and edited for Standard English conventions.
- B. **Math:** Students shall, prior to the completion of their senior year, demonstrate an ability to perform mathematical operations, to include working with fractions and decimals, in order to solve multi-step problems in algebraic and applied settings. Certain tasks will either require students to explain their procedures or justify answers in writing.
- C. **Science:** Students shall, prior to the completion of their senior year, demonstrate an ability to perform science investigational skills and competencies.
- D. **Technology:** Students shall, prior to completion of their senior year, demonstrate technology competency through discipline-specific learning.

Upon graduation, each student who has met these requirements will be presented with a high school diploma.

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