

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
MASON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL/MAVA
CREDIT DEFICIENCY, EARLY GRADUATION/EARLY RELEASE,
PROMOTION, RETENTION SUMMER SEMESTER

A student's progress toward graduation and receiving a diploma is determined by completing required coursework, earning the necessary credits, maintaining a full, year-round academic schedule (attendance issues relating to truancy may result in the loss of participation privileges at the graduation ceremony), actively participating in and putting forth individual best effort in the PSAT 9, PSAT 10, SAT and M-STEP examinations. A student is only promoted when the necessary requirements are met or the student has completed the goals and objectives of an Individualized Education Plan (I.E.P.).

It is the parent /guardian and student's responsibility to keep in contact with his/her counselor and teachers to ensure that all credit, course, and graduation requirements are being met. Information about credit and course requirements is available in the guidance office and a counselor will be pleased to answer any questions.

Credit Deficiency

Students will continue to be promoted with their class until their senior year where they will be retained until all graduation requirements are met. Students who are not on track to graduate and need recovery credit(s) may take a course for credit through a variety of methods per principal's approval. Other means by which to recover credits include retaking the course with a certified instructor or through Mason Virtual Academy. See the counseling department or Mr. Bates if you have questions.

Students not on track to graduate as a result of credit deficiency may be placed on an "academic graduation plan" once the following criteria have been met: Freshman—2.0 credits or more behind pace to graduate, sophomores—1.5 or more credits behind pace to graduate, juniors—1.0 or more credits behind pace to graduate, seniors—.5 or more credits behind pace to graduate.

Early Release/Early Graduation

Students who are on pace for early release and who have achieved the credits and graduation requirements to do so, may, with Board approval, graduate early provided there is evidence to support that the student needs to graduate early in order to attend a post-secondary institution, serve in the Armed Forces, or has a life situation that merits early release from Mason Consolidated Area Schools. The student must state the reason for requesting such an early release and apply for Early Release/Early Graduation at least one full semester in advance and forward the request through the building principal. Students who are granted early release and meet all the qualifications for early graduation will receive a high school diploma—provided all requirements for graduation are met on the applied-for date—but do not necessarily participate in a graduation ceremony or other "senior" events.

Graduation Requirements—Mason Senior High School/MAVA

A student will normally complete graduation requirements in four years. However, some students do not finish in four years and may need additional time or alternative placement, or both, to finish all requirements. In order to receive a diploma and graduate, a student will need to meet the school

requirements for basic coursework, and earn the total number of minimum credits. Mason Senior High School/MAVA has adopted the “Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC).” Students not on track to graduate in the expected timeframe will continue to follow the graduation requirements designated to them as a first time ninth-grader.

In order to graduate and fully participate in the graduation ceremony, students will pass 92% of all attempted credits and meet the following graduation requirements:

- 4 credits of English (English 9, English 10, English 11, and *English 12)
- 4 credits of Mathematics (Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and 1 math or math-related course to be completed in senior year)
- Three credits of Science (Pre-Chemistry/Pre-Physics, Biology I, and 1 other additional Science elective.
 - Beginning with the Class of 2025 – Biology I, Chemistry, Physics
- 3 credits of Social Studies (.5 Civics, .5 Economics, US History and Geography, World History and Geography)
- 1 credit of Visual Performing and Applied Arts
- 2 credits of World Language
 - A student may fulfill one credit of a world language by completing a department approved formal career and technical education program or by completing a visual or performing arts credit in addition to the VPA requirements.
- .5 credit of Physical Education
- .5 credit of Health Education
- All high school students must also participate in an online course or learning experience (can be one of the above-listed, required credits; earned in grades 9-12 or through an equivalent learning experience K-12).
- Take the Michigan Merit Examinations (MME) as established by the MDE and/or state law.

Note 1: Full Academic Schedule; In order to participate in the graduation ceremony, students must maintain a full academic schedule throughout their high school career.

Note 2: Possession of graduation requirements: Students who cannot demonstrate possession of the graduation requirements (at the end of final exams for seniors) three full calendar days prior to the graduation ceremony may be excluded from the graduation ceremony by the high school principal. Students who fulfill the requirements for graduation after this cutoff date but prior to the beginning of the next academic year will receive their diploma in the high school office without a ceremony.

Note 3: This is the traditional course sequence suggested by the individual departments. In some instances, with administrator approval, students may choose an alternative sequence of courses to satisfy graduation requirements

Note 4: Unpaid bills, missing equipment or lost uniforms. Students who owe the school money for unpaid bills or lost uniforms/equipment, fines or fees may be excluded from the graduation ceremony by the high school principal.

Note 5: Caps and gowns must be worn in order to walk at the graduation ceremony. Caps and gowns are to be purchased by the student/student's parents or guardians from the company identified by the school for the purpose of uniformity and decorum. Caps and gowns will not be issued to the student until the senior check out is complete. For those students who are not walking at the graduation ceremony, either the student will be issued the cap or gown within the next five business days following the ceremony or a refund will be issued by the company from whom the cap and gown were purchased.

Note 6: Students choosing not to participate in the graduation ceremony or who otherwise are not permitted to walk at graduation, will be issued their diploma—when all requirements have been demonstrated—no sooner than the first business day following the ceremony for the graduating class.