

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS 2015-2016

Warwick School District 301 West Orange Street Lititz, PA 17543



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Warwick School District requires a minimum of 22.0 credits for graduation (School Board Policy #217). The 22.0 credits to be earned must include the following:

Class of 2017 and 2018

English	4.0 credits
Mathematics	3.0 credits
Social Studies	3.0 credits
Science	3.0 credits
Physical Education	1.5 credits
Health	0.5 credits
Electives	7.0 credits
TOTAL	22.0 credits

Class of 2016

English	4.0 credits
Mathematics	3.0 credits
Social Studies	3.0 credits
Science	3.0 credits
Physical Education	1.25 credits
Health	0.5 credits
Electives	7.25 credits
TOTAL	22.0 credits

Please note the following:

- Students in grades 9-11 are required to schedule a minimum of six (6) credits per school year. Students in grade 12 are required to schedule a minimum of five (5) credits per school year.
- Biology must be taken by the end of 9th grade (Class of 2019 and beyond)
- Biology must be taken by the end of 10th grade (Class of 2016 through 2018)
- A third math and a third science credit is required and may be selected in any grade.
- Students enrolled in an approved ½-day 11th grade CTC program and/or a full-day 12th grade CTC program may have modified graduation requirements.

With the approval of the Chapter 4 Academic Standards and Assessment regulations by the Pennsylvania Legislature, graduation requirements for students attending Warwick High School include:

1. Complete the prescribed course/credit requirements as set forth above.
2. Successfully complete a culminating project (Graduation Project) that demonstrates the student's ability to apply, analyze, synthesize, and evaluate information and communicate significant knowledge and understanding. **(Class of 2016 only)**
3. Demonstrate proficiency in Algebra I, Biology, and Literature on the PA Keystone Exams. Supplemental instruction/remediation is required until proficiency is demonstrated or criteria are met. **(Anyone graduating in 2017 or later)**
 - a. Students may take a Project Based Assessment to meet this requirement in the following circumstances;

- i. Student has taken the Keystone Exam unsuccessfully twice and been remediated between each exam
- ii. Student has taken the Keystone Exam unsuccessfully once and have an IEP that specifies completion of PBA after one attempt
- iii. Student is not taking the Keystone Exam due to a religious exemption

4. Graduation Information

The high school principal will determine a student's eligibility for a diploma from Warwick High School and certify that the student has met all requirements. Only students who have met all of the graduation requirements as per School Board Policy #217 will be eligible to participate in the commencement ceremony.

5. Graduation Project Requirement Guidelines

All students in the class of **2016** must complete a culminating project as required by Pennsylvania State Graduation Requirements. Students at Warwick High School must complete a career portfolio within the Career Cruising website (<http://www.careercruising.com> username: warwickhs, password: warriors). Students must also complete career exploration in the form of a job shadow experience OR complete a service experience in the form of (25) hours of community service. A 5-paragraph essay related to these experiences is required by February of the 11th grade year. Specific requirements and a timeline can be found on the Warwick High School website (<http://www.warwickhsd.org>).

6. Promotion Standards

In order for students to be promoted to the next grade level homeroom and to be members of a specific class (Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors), they must have earned a minimum number of credits. These minimum credit standards are:

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Minimum Total Credits</u>
10	4.5
11	10
12	15

7. Early Graduation

Any student who successfully meets graduation requirements by the end of his/her junior year in high school may graduate with the current graduating class. The student must have met with his/her guidance counselor and the appropriate administrator to develop a plan regarding early graduation.