

## Graduation Requirements

To graduate from Connecticut River Academy scholars must meet the requirements of the State of Connecticut (PA10-111) and requirements unique to Connecticut River Academy. For graduation from the Connecticut River Academy, the Classes of 2021 and 2022 must earn a minimum of twenty-five credits (25), including:

### **Class of 2023 & Beyond Graduation Requirements for Connecticut River Academy**

For graduation from Connecticut River Academy, scholars must earn a minimum of twenty-five credits, including:

| <b>CT Graduation Requirements</b>          | <b>Subjects</b>     | <b>Credits</b> | <b>Mandatory Courses or Equivalent</b>  |
|--|---------------------|----------------|---|
| <b>Humanities</b><br>(9 credits)           | English             | 4              | 1 English credit each year for 4 years  |
|  | Social Studies      | 3              | Civics(.5 credit ) and US History (1 credit)  |
|  | Fine Arts           | 1              | Art or Music  |
|  | Elective            | 1              | 1 elective credit in Social Studies, English, World Language, or Fine Arts                                  |
| <b>STEM</b><br>(9 credits)                 | Mathematics         | 4              | -   |
|  | Science             | 3              | 1 credit in a physical science, 1 credit in a life science, and 1 additional credit in a lab science course |
|  | Technology          | 1              | -   |
|  | STEM Elective       | 1              | -   |
| <b>World Language</b><br>(2 credits)       | Spanish             | 2              | * Scholars may meet requirements for Seal of Bi-Literacy on diploma and transcript                          |
| <b>Self-Wellness</b><br>(2 credits)        | Physical Education  | 1              | -   |
|  | Health              | 1              | -   |
| <b>Electives</b><br>(2 credits)            | -                   | 2              | May be any course in any subject area that is not required for graduation                                   |
| <b>Mastery Based Diploma</b><br>(1 credit) | Capstone Experience | 1              | Senior demonstration project and exhibition   |
| <b>25 credits</b>                          |                     | <b>25</b>      |   |

### Promotion and Retention

The minimum number of credits needed for promotion to the next grade level are as follows:

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| Grade 10   | 6 credits  |
| Grade 11   | 12 credits |
| Grade 12   | 18 credits |
| Graduation | 25 credits |

Scholars lacking credits for promotion will be expected to attend summer school to stay on track with their classmates for graduation. CTRA offers summer school.

Graduation from our school (1) that scholars have satisfactorily completed the prescribed courses of study for the several grade levels in accordance with their respective abilities to achieve, (2) that they have satisfactorily passed any examinations and/or standards of proficiency established by the faculty and approved by the Board of Directors, and (3) that they have met the graduation requirements established by the Board of Directors and State of Connecticut.

\*Career and Life Skills - These skills are embedded throughout our courses including our theme-based electives.

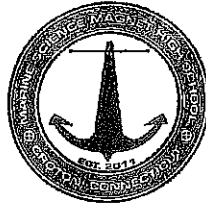
\*\*Humanities – This requirement may be met through English or Social Studies Electives

\*\*\* The Capstone Project is a graduation requirement for all CTRA Scholars.

### **Health and Wellness**

Connecticut State Department of Education requires that all scholars successfully complete 1 credit in health in order to meet the requirements for graduation. The health education program at the Connecticut River Academy offers scholars an opportunity to learn about physical, mental and social well-being. Topics include: wellness, fitness, nutrition/eating disorders, mental and emotional health, self-esteem, sexuality, stress management, first aid/C.P.R., alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

For a scholar to be excused from a portion of a unit of study that deals with information which conflicts with his/her family's values they must complete the Health and Wellness Opt-out Form which is in the forms section of the handbook. Alternative assignments will be provided to the scholars who do not participate in units that conflict with a family's values.



## Class of 2020 & Beyond Graduation Requirements for Marine Science Magnet HS

For graduation from the Marine Science Magnet High School, students must earn a minimum of twenty-five credits, including:

| CT Graduation Requirements                 | Subjects                             | Credits   | Mandatory Courses or Equivalents  |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----------|---|
| <b>Humanities</b><br>(9 credits)           | English                              | 4         | <i>English I, II, III, IV or other advanced English courses</i>   |
|  | Social Studies                       | 3         | <i>Civics or AP US Government &amp; Politics, US History</i>  |
|  | Fine Arts                            | 1         | *   |
|  | Elective                             | 1         | <i>One humanities elective in the subject areas of Social Studies, English or Spanish</i>                                 |
| <b>STEM</b><br>(12 credits)                | Mathematics                          | 4         | <i>Consecutive courses beginning with Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and beyond</i>                                     |
|  | Marine Studies & Aquaculture         | 3         | <i>Marine Studies I and II (.5 each), Marine Science, &amp; an Aquaculture Related Course</i>                             |
|  | Science                              | 5         | <i>Integrated Science I &amp; Environmental Science (.5 each), Biology, Chemistry, and two science electives</i>          |
| <b>World Language</b><br>(1 credit)        | Spanish                              | 1         | <i>Spanish I at MSMHS or 1 credit transferred from sending district or private high school as indicated on transcript</i> |
| <b>Self-Wellness</b><br>(2 credits)        | Physical Education & Health          | 1         | **  |
|  | Personal Wellness & Safety Education | 1         | <i>Four Years of Advisory (.25 credits each year)</i>   |
| <b>Mastery Based Diploma</b><br>(1 credit) | Graduation Portfolio                 | 1         | <i>Portfolio and Capstone Exhibition</i>  |
| <b>25 credits</b>                          |                                      | <b>25</b> |   |

\* Fine Arts Experience requirements are embedded as cross credits in instructional time and activities provided in the Integrated Science I & Environmental Science curricula. Students in AP Environmental must complete a Fine Arts portfolio in order to receive .5 credit.

\*\* Physical Education, Health and Safety requirements are embedded as cross credits in instructional time and activities provided in the Marine Studies I & II curricula.

### Promotion Requirements for the Marine Science Magnet High School

The minimum number of credits needed for promotion to the next grade level is as follows:

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| Grade 10   | 6 credits including English I                           |
| Grade 11   | 12 credits including English II                         |
| Grade 12   | 18 credits including English III                        |
| Graduation | 25 credits including all mandatory courses listed above |

All MSMHS students must be enrolled in 7.25 credits each school year. Seniors who take 3 or more AP and/or ECE courses can take a reduced 6.25 credits course load. Students lacking credits for promotion will be expected to repeat coursework or attend summer school to stay on track with their classmates for graduation.

### Legal References:

PA 10-111

PA 11-235

PA 17-42

CGS 10-221(c)



**Class of 2020 & Beyond Graduation Requirements for Three Rivers Middle College Magnet HS**

For graduation from the Three Rivers Middle College Magnet High School, students must earn a minimum of twenty-five credits, including:

| CT Graduation Requirements                        | Subjects   | Credits   | Mandatory Courses or Equivalents  |
|---|--|-----------|---|
| <b>Humanities<br/>(9 credits)</b>                 | English  | 4         | 2 credit transferred from sending district or private high school as indicated on transcript and 2 credits at TRMC/TRCC.  |
|   | Social Studies   | 3         | Credits transferred from sending district or private high school as indicated on transcript Civics or US Government, US History and Social Science courses at TRMC/TRCC.                    |
|   | Fine Arts  | 1         | 1 credit transferred from sending district or private high school as indicated on transcript or 1 credit at TRCC.   |
|   | Elective   | 1         | One humanities elective in the subject areas of Social Studies, English or at previous school or TRMC/TRCC.   |
| <b>STEM<br/>(9 credits)</b>                       | Mathematics  | 4         | 2 credit transferred from sending district or private high school as indicated on transcript and 2 credits at TRMC/TRCC. All students must take 3 consecutive semesters of math at minimum. |
|   | Science  | 3         | 2 credit transferred from sending district or private high school as indicated on transcript or Science course at TRMC/TRCC.  |
|   | STEM Elective  | 2         | Credits transferred from sending district or private high school as indicated on transcript or Engineering, Programming at TRMC or Science/Math course at TRMC/TRCC.                        |
| <b>World Language<br/>(1 credit)</b>              | Foreign Language course                                  | 1         | 1 credit transferred from sending district or private high school as indicated on transcript or Spanish 1 at TRCC.  |
| <b>Self-Wellness<br/>(3 credits)</b>              | Physical Education & Health                              | 1         | 1 credit transferred from sending district or private high school as indicated on transcript or 1 credit at TRMC/TRCC. (Students required to earn CPR First Aid Certification)              |
|   | Personal Wellness, Safety Education & College Readiness. | 2         | 2 Years of Advisory (.5 credits each year) which includes SAT Prep, College Readiness Block and 1 Credit Career Choices.  |
| <b>Personalized Plan of Study<br/>(2 credits)</b> | Elective Course Options                                  | 2         | Credits transferred from sending district or private high school as indicated on transcript or courses at TRMC/TRCC.  |
| <b>Mastery Based Diploma<br/>(1 credit)</b>       | Graduation Portfolio                                     | 1         | Portfolio and Capstone Exhibition   |
| <b>25 credits</b>                                 |  | <b>25</b> |   |

**Promotion Requirements for the Three Rivers Middle College Magnet High School**

The minimum number of credits needed for promotion to the next grade level is as follows:

- Grade 10                      6 credits
- Grade 11                     12 credits

Grade 12            18 credits

Graduation        25 credits including all mandatory courses listed above

All TRMC students must be enrolled in 7 credits each school year. Seniors who take 3 or more TRCC and/or ECE courses can take a reduced credits course load. Students lacking credits for promotion will be expected to repeat coursework or attend summer school to stay on track with their classmates for graduation.

**Legal References:**

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