

**POLICY RELATING TO EDUCATION**

**SUBJECT FIELDS AND COURSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

The Wachusett Regional School Committee is committed to providing well-defined courses from which students can choose a program that meets individual needs.

**Course Organization:**

Whenever possible, courses shall be organized on a semester basis. Students shall receive two and one-half (2 1/2) credits at the end of each semester for each full credit semester course completed. Students shall receive five (5) credits at the end of the school year for each full credit, full year course completed. The District may offer courses with less than full credit.

**Curriculum:**

The curriculum for each semester shall represent a unique course. Each course shall have a syllabus which clearly defines course content, sequence of instruction, outside assignments, and standards of achievement. The syllabus shall be made available to students and parents at the time they select courses and shall be available to students on the first day of each course.

Students shall not be scheduled for new courses until they have earned a specified number of credits for all prerequisite courses unless prior approval is received from the principal or his/her designee. An exception shall be made for students who meet eligibility requirements for Advanced Placement and for vocational/technical placement.

**Credit:**

Students shall receive graduation credit based on the following:

1. The course is governed by the curriculum requirements of the District.
2. Regular class attendance as defined in the student handbook.
3. A separate passing grade, based on performance, is issued.

First Reading: 09/11/95

Second Reading: 09/25/95

Amendment First Reading: 11/16/98

Amendment Second Reading: 12/14/98

Re-Amendment First Reading: 02/14/05

Re-Amendment Second Reading: 03/14/05

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