

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS -- ADULT EDUCATION

Adults may earn a Messalonskee High School - Adult Education Diploma by attending the daytime /evening program and completing the course requirements outlined below:

### Graduation:

Beginning with those who would have graduated in 2001, 23 credits are required for graduation. Students who would have graduated prior to 2001 will be expected to complete the credit hour requirements of Messalonskee High School in the projected year of graduation had they stayed in the regular day program. All students must satisfy the following core requirements: English (4 credits); Social Studies (2 credits), one must be United States History; Mathematics (2 credits); Science (1 credit); and Introduction to Computers (1 credit). The remaining credits are to be earned in courses approved by the school counselor/director. Each adult high school course entails 45 hours of class time and is worth one (1) credit. Students may take a maximum of four courses per semester. Additionally, credits may be awarded from the following out-of school experience(s):

- 1.) Enrollment in an approved correspondence school (maximum of two [2] credits);
- 2.) Completion of Maine State Apprenticeship Council approved apprenticeship programs;
- 3.) One (1) credit will be awarded for military service of not less than two (2) successive years resulting in an honorable discharge or separation. The military experience criterion also covers candidates who have spent a minimum of six (6) years in the National Guard or in the Reserves and holds an honorable discharge.
- 4.) One (1) credit will be awarded for three (3) consecutive years of work experience in no more than one occupation of family skills, and two (2) credits for work experience of five (5) years or more in length in no more than two occupations.

The work experience regulations also cover adults who spend their day working in the home. These adults may be awarded up to one (1) credit for three (3) years of homemaking experiences and up to two (2) credits for five (5) or more years.

- 5.) Credits may be earned by an adult through independent study or external credit option (ECO). Students who qualify for ECO must meet the criteria outlined by the Maine Department of Education.
- 6.) A maximum of two (2) credits may be awarded an adult participating in a planned volunteer work activity.

- 7.) Career exploration is a concept which allows diploma candidates to earn up to one (1) high school diploma credit for 45 hours of supervised observation/ practicum experiences in business, industry, institutions, and agencies.

No person will be awarded a high school diploma unless he/she has earned a minimum of one (1) credit in a group/classroom learning experience offered by the Adult Education Program.

A day high school student who is 17 years of age and has completed four (4) years of high school and fails a subject may enroll in a course offered by Adult Education. If the student wishes to receive a regular Messalonskee High School diploma and lacks one or two credits, these courses must be completed prior to the student's graduation.

The graduation requirements set forth in this policy will apply to all students enrolling in the Adult Education Program after July 1, 2001.

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