

Changes to Graduation Requirements for 2019-20 and Beyond

Below is a summary of changes to graduation requirements for the 2019-20 school year and beyond. These changes were approved by the Christina School District Board of Education on March 12, 2019.

1. Community Service

Beginning in the 2019-20 school year, community service will be highly encouraged but not mandatory. Current students who have earned community service hours will be able to document those hours on their resume and Student Success Plans.

Additionally, students will be encouraged to pursue the Delaware Volunteer Credit (DVC) by completing 90 hours of community service during two semesters in high school. This one elective credit can be used towards graduation. Students who receive the credit will earn a certificate of appreciation signed by the Governor and the Secretary of the Delaware Department of Education.

2. Promotion Guidelines

The new promotion guidelines listed below bring Christina schools in alignment with the State of Delaware and the newly established ESSA Academic Framework. These guidelines will take effect for all current and new high school students beginning on July 1, 2019.

Promotion from grade 9 to grade 10 requires a minimum of 5 credits including:

- 1 credit in English
- 1 credit in Mathematics
- 1 credit in Science or Social Studies
- 2 additional credits (Electives and / or Pathway)

Promotion from grade 10 to grade 11 requires a minimum of 12 credits including:

- 2 credits in English
- 2 credits in Mathematics
- 3 credits in Science and / or Social Studies
- 1 credit in a Pathway
- 4 additional credits

Promotion from grade 11 to grade 12 requires a minimum of 18 credits including:

- 3 credits in English
- 3 credits in Mathematics
- 5 credits in Science and / or Social Studies
- 2 credits in a Pathway
- 5 additional credits

3. Prorate Credits for Transfer Students

Upon enrollment in the Christina School District during the third or fourth year of high school, where the transfer student was on-track to graduate, a transcript and credit evaluation will be done and the school counselor may request approval for proration of elective credits.

The formula for this proration will take into account the number of credits required by the student's former school, along with the number of credits required by the Christina School District. All content-related credits must be earned and under no circumstances may the total credits required for graduation be less than the minimum required and permitted under the State of Delaware Graduation Requirements. Requests to prorate credits must be submitted to the Office of Teaching and Learning for approval.

Please contact your school counselor if you have any questions about graduation requirements.