

## INTRODUCTION

Maloney and Platt High Schools offer students a wide variety of subject choices. This makes it possible for them to select a four-year educational program best suited to their particular needs, interest and abilities. Students should discuss their program carefully with their parents and school guidance counselor. Although they will select their courses one year at a time, it is advisable to have a four-year plan.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR PROMOTION**

To enroll in the ninth grade at either high school, a student must have been promoted or assigned to ninth grade. To be promoted to grade 10, a student must have passed 5 units. To be promoted to grade 11, a student must have passed 10 units. To be promoted to grade 12, a student must have passed 15 units. Credits will be awarded at the semester (S1, S2).

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION**

While the minimum graduation requirement in the Meriden Public Schools is 21.25, with review and prior approval of the principal, the following College and Career Readiness Pathways will guide all high school student programming options. Beginning with the class of 2023, graduation requirements will be 25 credits. (Public Act No. 17-42)

High school diplomas will be granted only to students who satisfy the following requirements:

#### **Meriden Graduation with Credit Distinction Requirements: 25.25 Credits**

English (one credit per year)	4 Credits
Social Studies (must include Civics and U.S History)	3 Credits
Mathematics	4 Credits
Science (one must be in Biology)	3 Credits
*Arts/Vocational/Technology/FCS	1 Credit
Physical Education	1.5 Credits
**Business/Computer	1 Credit
Health	0.5 Credit
Electives	7 Credits
Community Service	0.25 (20 hours minimum)

#### **Meriden Graduation with Highest Credit Distinction Requirements: 28.25 Credits**

English (one credit per year)	4 Credits
Social Studies (must include Civics and U.S History)	3 Credits
Mathematics	4 Credits
Science (one must be in Biology)	3 Credits
*Arts/Vocational/Technology/FCS	1 Credit
Physical Education	1.5 Credits
**Business/Computer	1 Credit
Health	0.5 Credit
Electives	10 Credits
Community Service	0.25 (20 hours minimum)

\*Courses in Art, Music, Theater, Technology Education and Family Consumer Science fulfill this requirement.

\*\*Courses in Business and courses in Technology Education that utilize computer, fulfill this requirement.

#### **Meriden Graduation Requirements for Freshman Class of 2023:**

Humanities	9 Credits
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering Math)	8 Credits
Career and Life Skills	3 ½ Credits
World Language	1 Credit
Capstone/Mastery Based Assessment	1 Credit
Electives	2 Credits
Community Service	0.5 Credit

### Transfer Credit

Only transfer credits earned from high schools accredited by their state accrediting agencies will be accepted in fulfillment of the course requirements. Prior approval from the principal is necessary to pursue transfer credit/credit opportunities from accredited institutions other than high school, except as described above.

### Attendance Requirements

Students eligible to receive a high school diploma and participate in a graduation ceremony must have attended a Meriden high school for the full and final semester before graduation. Exceptions from this policy may be made by the Superintendent after reviewing special cases with the high school administration.

### GRADING SYSTEM

Grade	Approximate Numerical Equivalent	Grade	Approximate Numerical Equivalent
A+	97-100	C	73-76
A	93-96	C-	70-72
A-	90-92	D+	67-69
B+	87-89	D	63-66
B	83-86	D-	60-62
B-	80-82	F	Below 60
C+	77-79	I	Incomplete

### CLASS RANK

All students are ranked at the end of their junior year and again after the end of the third term of their senior year. In order to be ranked in the top ten, a student must have been enrolled at Platt and/or Maloney High Schools for a minimum of seven marking terms. Students entering either high school as a senior will retain the rank of the sending school for the purpose of college and/or scholarship applications. The class rank will be calculated as follows:

#### Procedure:

1. Only courses taken during high school years will be counted.
2. If a student transfers from a state accredited school, courses taken will be assigned Meriden's point value and used in the calculation of the grade average.
3. Grade point weights will be multiplied by credit value to determine a point value. Total point value will be divided by total credits to determine the grade average.
4. For the purpose of top ten recognition and selection of the valedictorian and salutatorian, students will have to have completed their junior and senior year at the school.

Grade	AP/UCONN ECE	Accelerated	Academic/ All Other Courses
A+	5.33	4.83	4.33
A	5.00	4.50	4.00
A-	4.67	4.17	3.67
B+	4.33	3.83	3.33
B	4.00	3.50	3.00
B-	3.67	3.17	2.67
C+	3.33	2.83	2.33
C	3.00	2.50	2.00
C-	2.67	2.17	1.67
D+	2.33	1.83	1.33
D	2.00	1.50	1.00
D-	1.67	1.17	.67
F	0.00	0.00	0.00