

Graduation Guidance

The new legislation House Bill 197 allows any student in the class of 2020 who was on track with their credits to earn their diploma, regardless of whether the student had enough OST points or had completed an alternative pathway to graduate. CMSD has a saying to help seniors with what to do:



Earn 20 Credits

NO TESTING. NO CAPSTONE. NO WORK HOURS.

That seems simple. But how do I earn my credits if I'm not in school? **Stay Engaged = Earn Your Credit**

Wait, you said no State Testing? Are you sure?

Yes, we are. HB197 was clear. No state testing, no capstone, no work hours, no certifications, seal or community service are necessary for those graduating in 2020 due to the crisis. Capstones are no longer a graduation requirement; however you will need to connect with your teacher to determine if this is still a requirement for course completion.

What are the 20 credits I need? See page 3 for details.

I have more questions. Are there additional resources available?

Yes! The remainder of this document provides common scenarios to help you understand what this means for you.

- On page 2, you will find a sample personalized learning plan if you need to make up a 3rd quarter class. The personalized learning plan given by your school will serve as an agreement

between you, the counselor and teacher(s) that provides clear expectations for you to complete with specific deadlines. Contact your principal and counselor via email for further instructions.

- On page 3, there is a worksheet for you to complete to ensure you are on track. Please email your principal and counselor if you need help with a transcript review.
- On page 4, there is a full list of questions and answers that may be helpful for you.

Great! What else do I need to do to finish my senior year?

Complete your FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and your Say Yes to Education scholarship application. If you have questions, contact your counselor, College Now Advisor, info@sayyescleveland.org, info@collegenowgc.org or call 216.241.5587. Even if your plan isn't to go to college right away, completing the FASFA and Say Yes application will keep that door wide open!



Sample Learning Plan

SAMPLE Teacher/Student PERSONALIZED LEARNING PLAN

Student Name _____

Classes _____

Teacher _____

At the time of the state mandated closure of schools on March 13, the above named was currently earning an "F" for the third marking period. In guidance with HB197 on Graduation flexibility, CMSD is supporting students who can demonstrate mastery of the concepts from the third marking period to receive a passing grade for the semester. If he/she meets the criteria outlined below, he/she will receive a P for the class for fourth quarter and receive credit for the course. Students who were already enrolled in credit recovery prior to the school closure are exempt from this scenario.

The criteria outlined below are skills, knowledge and concepts that were previously covered during the third marking period. This material is in alignment with the Academic Enrichment Plan and communication you have already received regarding our goal to ensure students are receiving continuous learning activities.

The student understands and agrees to achieve the following prior to the end of 5/21/2020. By achieving the goals set below, the student will earn a passing grade and will earn the necessary credit for the course from Semester 2. The student understands that failure to meet all expectations as outlined below will likely result in a failing grade and no credit in the classes for Semester 2. Failure to meet these guidelines will put you at risk of not graduating.

Electronic confirmation is acceptable in lieu of signatures.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Teacher Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Principal Signature _____ Date _____



Graduation Worksheet

CMSD-COVID 19 Amended GRADUATION WORKSHEET

(this worksheet was revised to support graduates for the 2020 School Year)

This document is designed to help inform CMSD staff and families on whether eligible students have met the requirements under the temporary local flexibility granted through recently enacted Ohio law due to the current public health crisis. As outlined in HB197, CMSD is electing to require only the state minimum curriculum.

This worksheet is different than the CMSD Board-approved graduation requirement, reducing the requirement from 22 credits to 20. This worksheet is only valid for students who were on track to graduate prior to the closure, and must be completed prior to September 30, 2020.

School _____ Student _____ STID _____

Grade Level SY _____ Cohort _____ YR1 YR2 YR3 YR4

NOTE - student must meet the equivalent of core courses listed below (higher level or AP coursework would meet the requirement).

Credit Requirements – CMSD requires students to take and complete a minimum of **20** required credits and complete one of three assessment options below.

English Language Arts - 4 credits...	YR1		YR2		YR3		YR4	
Mathematics - 4 credits... must include Algebra II & must sequence to higher level each year	YR1		YR2		YR3		YR4	
Science - 3 credits... must include one unit of physical science, one unit of life science and one unit of advanced study in one or more of the following sciences: chemistry, physics or other physical science; advanced biology or other life science; astronomy, physical geology or other earth or space science	YR1		YR2		YR3		YR4	
Social Studies - 3 credits... must include ½ unit of American History and ½ unit of American Government in 3 units required for the classes of 2018 and 2019. The class of 2021 will need ½ unit in world history and civilizations in their required three units as well as American History and American Government	YR1		YR2		YR3		YR4	
Physical Education... 0.5 credit ...must complete at least two semesters of physical education any time in grades 12-9	Met							
Health - 0.5 credit...	Met							
Fine Arts - 1 credit... must complete at least two semesters of fine arts taken any time in grades 12-7. Fine arts is not a requirement for students following a career-technical pathway	Met							
Electives... must include one or any combination of business, career-technical education, family and consumer sciences, technology, agricultural education or English language arts, mathematics, science or social studies courses not otherwise required	Met							

As outlined in HB197 and approved by the CMSD Board of Education, only the curriculum requirements are required while forgoing all other additional requirements for a diploma. Additional components for a diploma that are no longer requirements for the Class of 2020 include the Ohio State Tests or Alternative Pathways to graduation.

Met Academic Requirements	Date
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¹ Section 17(D)(3), House Bill 133 ,197rd General Assembly



Frequently Asked Questions

1. I was on track to graduate before the school closure, passing all my classes and I have all of my OST points. What do I need to do to graduate? **For the remainder of the school year, you must engage with your teachers to continue your learning. You will graduate!**
2. I have my credits and was passing my classes, but I don't have my OST points. I can't finish my pathway to graduation because of the school closure. What do I need to do to graduate? **For the remainder of the school year, you must engage with your teachers to continue your learning. You will graduate!**
Pathways include: Capstones, Work/Community Service Hours, OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal and Career-Tech certifications. For 2020, none of these are required for graduation. This also includes OST points.
3. I messed up third quarter and failed a class I need to graduate, even though I had been on track before. What do I need to do to graduate? **For the class you need to make up, complete a personalized learning plan with your teacher, and make sure to get all activities done by the due date. Continue to engage with the rest of your teachers to continue your learning. You will graduate!**
4. I was enrolled in credit recovery before the school closure to make up for classes I failed, but I haven't been able to complete anything since the last day we were at school. What do I need to do to graduate? **Work with your credit recovery teacher to complete the assignments and quizzes in your course. You do not need to complete the tests. If you complete the minimum required 60% mastery, you will earn the credit. Continue to engage with your other teachers to keep learning. You will graduate!**
5. I was on track to graduate except for passing my world language credit. What can I do to graduate? **For the class of 2020, CMSD is following the state minimum for graduation. This means that if you were on track to earn 20 credits at the end of the year in the required core, you do not need your foreign language. Engage with your teachers to continue learning. You will graduate!**
6. I understand I don't need to complete capstone for testing requirements, but capstone was part of the course. Do I still have to complete it? **For the class you need to make up, complete a personalized learning plan with your teacher, and make sure to get all activities done by the due date. Continue to engage with the rest of your teachers to continue your learning. You will graduate!**
7. Where can I get a copy of my transcript or credit audit? **Transcripts are in Naviance, and counselors will help with credit audits. Contact your counselor or principal if you need specific support.**
8. In other words, you are saying that I still can graduate in spite of the pandemic? **Yes, if you stay engaged with your learning and consult with my teachers and counselor. You will graduate!**