

NSHS Graduation Requirements

North Smithfield High School provides access to expert and rigorous instruction so that all students can demonstrate proficiency. Students have a responsibility to actively and appropriately participate in and complete, with a demonstration of quality work, all facets of their program of studies. A North Smithfield High School Diploma, including Endorsements and Seals, will be issued when all of the following academic credit, standardized assessment, and proficiency-based requirements have been met.

Requirements	Class of 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027	Class of 2028 and BEYOND
English	4	4
Mathematics*	4	4
Science**	3	3
Social Studies	3	3
PE/Health	2	2
Senior Project	0.5	0.5
Fine Arts	-	0.5
World Language	-	2
Financial Literacy	-	0.5
Computer Science	-	0.5
Electives	6.5	3
TOTAL	23	23



The total number of elective credits will remain the same, but starting with the Class of 2028, students will have new requirements in specific areas.

Class of 2028 and Beyond:

*Students who successfully complete Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II may take ONE or TWO of the following courses to satisfy the fourth mathematics credit requirement.

- Pre-Calculus
- Calculus
- Probability and Statistics
- Data Science
- Statistics

**Students who successfully complete Physical Science, Biology, and Chemistry will meet the requirement of three lab sciences.

Students must demonstrate academic proficiency requirements in the following areas:

1

Financial Literacy:

Students will demonstrate proficiency in Financial Literacy via one of three options:

- Complete a class in Personal Finance or Financial Literacy
- Complete the EverFi certification during the Student Academic Assistance period
- Complete the EverFi certification with support from NSHS staff

Students will earn 0.5 credit

2

Civics:

Students will demonstrate academic proficiency in Civics by earning 1.0 credit in either the We the People or the American Government course.

3

Fine Arts:

Students will demonstrate academic proficiency in Fine Arts and earn 0.5 credit.

4

Computer Science:

Students will demonstrate academic proficiency in Computer Science and earn 0.5 credit.

Readiness Pathway Offers Flexibility

With the informed consent of parents/guardians, students may opt to take RIDE-approved alternative coursework in place of the Algebra 2 and World Language credit requirement for graduation. This decision for alternative coursework, entitled the Readiness Pathway, will be made collaboratively with families, students, and our school counseling office during Junior Year course planning.

Credits Earned at North Smithfield Middle School

Eligible credits earned by students attending North Smithfield Middle School, will be reflected on the North Smithfield High School Transcript.

Capstone

Completion of at least two North Smithfield High School "diploma assessments", comprised of a:

- Senior Project demonstrating students' abilities to research, write, think critically and apply their learning to a meaningful and personally enriching topic. See Senior Project handbook (online) for detailed information.
- Comprehensive Course Assessments designed to measure the student's skill and ability within a content area.