

Brookline High School Competency Determination Class of 2025*

To receive a Brookline High School diploma, students must meet the BHS graduation requirements, in addition to Competency Determination requirements as defined by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

As of December 2024, students can no longer earn their Competency Determination (CD) by meeting the minimum threshold set by DESE on the MCAS Exam. Until further notice, DESE has instructed school districts to set their own CD. Students who have previously earned a CD through a regular or retest administration of the MCAS (including the November 2024 retest) or through a DESE appeal process, have earned their CD.

The Competency Determination - for Brookline High School students in the Class of 2025 who have not yet earned their CD - shall be defined as “satisfactorily completing coursework that has been certified by [Brookline School District] as showing mastery of the skills, competencies, and knowledge contained in the state academic standards and curriculum frameworks in the areas measured by the MCAS high school tests described in section one (I) administered in 2023, and in any additional areas determined by the board.”

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/mass-general-laws-c69-ss-1d>

Therefore, students in the Class of 2025 who have not yet earned their CD through previous MCAS administrations (including the November 2024 retest), or a DESE appeal process, can meet the requirements for a CD by satisfactorily completing the following coursework:

English: A passing grade in both of the following, or equivalent, as determined by the Curriculum Coordinator:

- Responding to Literature: Humanities or equivalent
- World Literature or equivalent

Math: A passing grade in both of the following, or equivalent, as determined by the Curriculum Coordinator:

- Geometry
- Algebra II

Science: A passing grade in *one* of the following, or equivalent, as determined by the Curriculum Coordinator:

- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology

* We await further guidance from DESE as to the Competency Determination requirements for the Class of 2026 and beyond.