

LACONIA ACADEMY

The Laconia School Board strongly supports the Laconia Academy Program, also known as the Laconia Adult Education High School Diploma Program, offered through Laconia Adult Education. The Board recognizes that people who have not completed their high school education will benefit from taking courses offered through the Laconia Academy Program in order to complete their high school education and receive a high school diploma. The Board's policy is that Laconia Academy credits may also be applied towards - requirements for graduation from other area high schools based on the following:

- No student will be allowed to take Laconia Academy classes unless he/she is 16 years of age or older
- Laconia Academy course options are available to high school students who - require an alternative method to attain credit.
- "In-School" high school students wishing to register and take Laconia Academy courses must receive PRIOR approval from the guidance, High School Administration, and the Director of Laconia Adult Education.
- One (1) credit will be granted for each Laconia Academy course taken, providing a passing grade is earned. (For Laconia High School Students – See Policy IKFLA).
- Laconia Academy credits can be accepted by the sending area high school in fulfillment of credits needed to meet day high school graduation requirements.
- Each course offered at Laconia Academy will not offer less than 45 hours of instruction for a 1 credit class.
- In order to be eligible to receive a Laconia Academy High School Diploma a student must be enrolled in the Program for at least one (1) semester and be enrolled in a minimum of one (1) course.
- Credits will be transferred to Laconia Academy for course work successfully completed for which credit was granted by an approved high school and/or accredited post-secondary institution, or an adult high school diploma program.
- Credit may also be granted, with proper documentation, for apprenticeship programs, college courses, correspondence course work, homemaking, military experience, trade schools, volunteer/community service work, and work experience at the discretion of the Laconia Adult Education Director.

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- Laconia Academy requires the State guidelines of credits twenty (20) credits for graduation.

Laconia Academy's State graduation requirements include a minimum of the following credits: 4 English, 3 Math, 2 Social Studies, 1 U.S. History, 2 Science, ½ Economics, ½ Civics, and ½ Computer.

The remaining 7.5 credits may be electives previously taken and passed at a regular daytime high school, adult evening high school diploma program, college, work experience, military experience, apprenticeship programs, homemaking, community service/volunteer work, or other life experiences.

- Laconia Academy also serves as an alternative to high school students unable to meet the graduation requirements of their daytime high school.
- Any student who meets the graduation requirements and has attended Laconia Academy the minimum required time, will receive a Laconia Academy Diploma.
- The Laconia Academy Registration and Book Fees will be paid by the student, parent(s), or guardian(s) unless the fee is waived by the High School Principal for Laconia High School Students, or is waived by the Laconia Adult Education Director.

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