

## COMPETENCY DETERMINATION

### Section 1: Competency Determination Requirements

#### Local Graduation Requirement

Carver Public School students must satisfy the following to receive a graduation diploma:

- CMHS graduation requirements per Carver School Committee Policy IKF Graduation Requirements
- Per Massachusetts state law, students must also satisfy a Competency Determination (CD) requirements

#### Competency Determination Coursework Requirements:

Satisfactorily completing coursework shall mean a student earns full credit in accordance with the district's grading policy as follows:

- Class of 2026 Carver students must satisfactorily complete the ELA, Math, and Science coursework identified below by achieving a minimum grade of 60% in specified classes.
- Class of 2027 and later Carver students must satisfactorily complete the ELA, Math, Science, and History coursework identified below by achieving a minimum grade of 60% in all specified classes.

#### Competency Determination Mastery Requirements:

CMHS students will demonstrate mastery in required courses by receiving a passing grade (60% or higher) on the final assessment or examination in each course required for the Competency Determination.

#### English Language Arts: Coursework and Mastery Requirements:

To earn the Competency Determination, students must earn a 60% or higher in **ONE** of the following Grade 9 ELA Courses as well as Math, Science and History (Class of 2027 and later) courses indicated below:

- 1011 LITERATURE & COMPOSITION HONORS
- 1012 LITERATURE & COMPOSITION CP
- 2015 HISTORY, LITERATURE AND THE ARTS CP
- 927 LB HISTORY/LANGUAGE ARTS 9/10 CP

AND to earn the Competency Determination, students must also earn a 60% or higher in **ONE** of the following Grade 10 ELA Courses as well as Math, Science and History (Class of 2027 and later) courses indicated below:

- 1021 AMERICAN LITERATURE & COMPOSITION HONORS
- 1022 AMERICAN LITERATURE & COMPOSITION CP
- 927 LB HISTORY/LANGUAGE ARTS 9/10 CP

Students will demonstrate the mastery of the skills, competencies, and knowledge as identified in the ELA Massachusetts curriculum frameworks by earning a passing grade (60% or higher) on each course's final assessment or examination.

#### Mathematics: Coursework and Mastery Requirements

To earn the Competency Determination, students must earn a 60% or higher in **ONE** of the following Math Courses as well as ELA, Science and History (Class of 2027 and later) courses indicated in this document:

- GRADE 8 ALGEBRA I
- 402 ALGEBRA I CP
- 403 ALGEBRA I CP 2

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AND to earn the Competency Determination, students must also earn a 60% or higher in ONE of the following Math Courses as well as ELA, Science and History (Class of 2027 and later) courses indicated in this document:

- 411 GEOMETRY HONORS
- 412 GEOMETRY CP
- 410 GEOMETRY CP2

Students will demonstrate the mastery of the skills, competencies, and knowledge as identified in the Massachusetts mathematics curriculum frameworks by earning a passing grade (60% or higher) on each course's final assessment or examination.

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#### **Science: Coursework and Mastery Requirements**

To earn the Competency Determination, students must earn a 60% or higher in ONE of the following Science/Engineering Courses as well as ELA, Math, and History (Class of 2027 and later) courses indicated in this document:

- 539 PHYSICS 9 HONORS
- 538 PHYSICS 9 CP
- 521 BIOLOGY HONORS
- 522 BIOLOGY CP
- 531 CHEMISTRY HONORS
- 532 CHEMISTRY CP
- 550 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AP
- 611 / 611H Met 1: Intro to Manufacturing & Technology CP & Honors

Students will demonstrate the mastery of the skills, competencies, and knowledge as identified in the Massachusetts mathematics curriculum frameworks by earning a passing grade (60% or higher) on the course's final assessment or examination.

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#### **U.S. History: Coursework and Mastery Requirements**

Beginning with the graduating class of 2027, to earn the Competency Determination, students must earn a 60% or higher in ONE of the following History Courses as well as ELA, Math, and Science courses indicated in this document:

- 2021 UNITED STATES HISTORY I HONORS
- 2022 UNITED STATES HISTORY I CP
- 230 UNITED STATES HISTORY AP
- 2031 US II & GLOBAL STUDIES HONORS
- 2032 US II & GLOBAL STUDIES CP

Students will demonstrate the mastery of the skills, competencies, and knowledge as identified in the Massachusetts History/Social Studies curriculum frameworks by earning a passing grade (60% or higher) on the course's final assessment or examination.

## Section 2: Additional Requirements

### Failure to Pass Required Coursework

If a student fails to complete the required coursework for the Competency Determination by failing to earn a passing grade (60% or higher) in a course required for the Competency Determination, the student must avail themselves of ONE of the following to earn the Competency Determination:

- Earn a passing grade (60% or higher) for a course in a higher level of the same content area
- Achieve a passing score on the MCAS test in the same content area as the student failed to pass the required coursework
- Satisfy the Carver graduation course completion requirements in the same content area

### Failure to Demonstrate Mastery

If a student fails to demonstrate mastery for the Competency Determination by failing to earn a passing grade (60% or higher) by earning a passing grade on a course final assessment/examination, the student must achieve ONE of the following to earn the Competency Determination:

- Earn a passing grade (60% or higher) for a course in a higher level of the same content area
- Earn a passing score on the MCAS test in the same content area as the student failed to demonstrate mastery
- Satisfy the Carver graduation course completion requirements in the same content area

## Section 3: Additional Considerations

### Students with Disabilities:

All Carver special education students, regardless of the LEA, will be able to review their graduation status, including CD and IDEA provisions, with their special education team.

Students who have been denied CD and graduation status may appeal to the Superintendent or designee. Such appeals must be in writing and allow for up to ten (10) business days in which supporting documentation can be reviewed.

### Appeals can be sent to:

Carver Public Schools, Attn: Superintendent of Schools, 3 Carver Square Blvd., Carver, MA, 02330

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### English Learners:

The Carver Public Schools shall, on a case-by-case basis, determine the appropriate courses necessary for English Language Learners to both achieve language proficiency and meet the competency determination requirements.

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### Late-Enrolling Students:

The CMHS Principal may, on a case-by-case basis, review a student's transcript and determine if the successful completion of a course or courses constitutes a reasonable equivalent for one of the expectations above for a Competency Determination.

Students who enroll after their tenth-grade year may be granted a determination of competency by the Carver Public Schools in one or more of the following ways:

- Transcript review by CMHS Principal.
- Additional course requirements as determined by CMHS Principal.

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- A qualifying MCAS score of partially meeting, meeting or exceeding expectations achievement levels on the relevant high school MCAS assessment; or by meeting the standard for a substituted equivalent that the district certifies satisfies the same academic standards.

## Section 4: Appeals Process

Students who have been denied CD and graduation status may appeal to the Superintendent or designee. Such appeals must be in writing and allow for up to ten (10) business days in which supporting documentation can be reviewed. Appeals can be sent to:

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## Section 5: Diploma Request Process for Previously Enrolled Students

Those enrolled in the Carver Public Schools in the classes of 2003 through 2024 that did not earn a diploma may also appeal to the Superintendent or designee. Such appeals must be in writing and allow for up to ten (10) business days in which supporting documentation can be reviewed. Appeals can be sent to:

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