



**DOVER HIGH SCHOOL
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REGIONAL CAREER TECHNICAL CENTER**



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Dover High School Graduation June 2018

Currently the last day of school in the Dover School District is Friday, June 22, 2018. In setting the graduation date, we look at School Board Policy IKF and the New Hampshire Department of Education's Minimum Standards, specifically Education 306.18. Both outline that the school year for seniors cannot be reduced by more than five school days.

In February preliminary planning for graduation, done in conjunction with Oyster River and Somersworth High Schools, established a date for Dover High School graduation of Thursday, June 14, 2018. An additional snow date on Thursday, March 8, 2018 and the potential for another snow day this week means that keeping that date would exceed the five-day maximum.

At the same time, the New Hampshire Department of Education requires 990 hours of instructional time at the high school level. With six snow days and a graduation date of June 14 our seniors will have completed 1,028 hours, five minutes of instructional time. If an additional snow day takes place and the June 14 date is maintained, our seniors will have completed 1,022 hours of instructional time. With our students exceeding the minimum standard for instructional time, as well as our reliance on an outside facility and coordination with other districts to keep costs down, we would ask to keep this date and seek a waiver from the state on the five-day requirement.