

SAINT PAUL QUARTER CREDIT ¹GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2012 AND BEYOND

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State Requirements ²	SPPS Baseline Requirements ³	Notes
Language Arts: 16 credits	Language Arts: 16 credits	Credits encompass all 9-12 state Language Arts standards and all specifications for the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment of Reading/GRAD Test.
Math: 12 credits	Math: 12 credits	Credits encompass algebra, geometry, and algebra II, including data analysis, statistics, and probability, and all specifications for the Minnesota comprehensive Assessment of Math/GRAD Test.
Science: 12 credits	Science: 12 credits	Four Science credits must be Biology, Local Science offerings encompass all specifications of the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment of Science. Students in the classes of 2015 and beyond must complete four credits in chemistry or physics in addition to Biology.
Social Studies: 14 credits	Social Studies: 14 credits	Must include four credits in U.S. History, two in Government, two in Economics, two or four in Geography and two or four in World History.
Arts: 4 credits	Arts: 4 credits	Arts credits can be in visual arts, music, theater, dance, media arts or a combination.
Health & Wellness: Credits required, but undefined.	Health & Wellness: 2 credit	SPPS defined requirement. ⁴
Fitness & PE: No requirement	Fitness & PE: 1 credit	SPPS baseline requirement. ⁴
Family & Consumer Science, Industrial Tech, or Business: No requirement	Family & Consumer Science, Industrial Tech, or Business: 2 credits.	Credits can be in Family and Consumer Science, Industrial Tech. Business, or a combination.
World Language: No requirement	World Language: District recommends completion of Level 3 at minimum	SPPS strongly recommends that all students complete credits encompassing at least Level 3 in a World Language.
Electives: 22 Credits	Electives: 22 Credits	With Health, PE, and choice of FACS, Industrial Tech, or Business, SPPS elective credit count fulfills state requirements.
Education Plan: No requirement	Six-year education plan	A completed Six Year Plan includes the completion of the following sections: "About Me, at least two assessments, and at least two post high school applications completed: college, military, the world of work .etc. Note: Senior Surveys must also be completed.
Basic Standards of GRAD?MCA in Reading, Writing, and Math	Basic Standards of GRAD?MCA in Reading, Writing, and Math	To graduate, all students must pass the GRAD/MCA Tests in reading, math, and writing.

Total quarter credits required for graduation in all non-block regularly-scheduled SPPS high schools:

86 (64 required; 22 elective)⁵

Total quarter credits required for graduation in all four-period-block-scheduled high schools:

86 (64 required; 22 elective)⁵

- 1 SPPS uses a one-to-one quarter-to-credit system in which each quarter course earns one credit. A year-long, four-quarter course is worth four credits; a semester-long, two-quarter course is worth two credits; a quarter-long course is worth one credit.

In four-period-block-scheduled schools, each quarter continues to earn one credit, but block quarter credits are worth two regular schedule quarter credits. For example, students earning two-quarter credits in English at a four-period-block-scheduled school will have completed English standards equivalent to four regular quarter credits.
- 2 All state credit requirements on this chart have been converted to SPPS credit definitions and are uniform at all sites, regardless of schedule.
- 3 Depending on their local programs and schedules, individual schools can require additional credits beyond the district baselines outlined here.
- 4 All SPPS credits at all sites in all subject areas are standards-based. In areas in which the state has not defined standards or specific credit requirements, the district has done so.
- 5 86 total credits (64 required and 22 elective) are required for graduation from all non-block scheduled SPPS high schools commencing with the class of 2012. 56 (32 required and 24 elective) total block quarter credits are required at four-period block-scheduled schools.