

REQUIREMENT FOR PROMOTION AND GRADUATION

A. High School Graduation Requirements

A graduating student must have earned a minimum of 130 **(four-year high school: no fewer than one hundred twenty)** credits in courses designed to meet all of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) including, but not limited to, the following credits:

1. **20 (At least twenty)** credits in English language arts aligned to grade nine through twelve standards;
2. **15 (At least fifteen)** credits in mathematics, including Algebra I or the content equivalent; geometry or the content equivalent; and a third year of mathematics that builds on the concepts and skills of algebra and geometry and that prepares students for college and 21st century careers;
3. **15 (At least fifteen)** credits in social studies, including satisfaction of N.J.S.A. 18A:35-1 and 18A:35-2; five credits in world history; and the integration of civics, economics, geography, and global content in all course offerings;
4. **15 (At least fifteen)** credits in science, including at least five credits in laboratory biology/life science or the content equivalent; one additional laboratory/inquiry-based science course, which shall include chemistry, environmental science, or physics; and one additional laboratory/inquiry-based science course;
5. **3 ¾ (At least three and three-quarters)** credits in health, safety, and physical education during each year of enrollment, distributed as one hundred fifty minutes per week, as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:35-5, 7, and 8;
6. **5 (At least five)** credits in visual and performing arts;
7. **5 (At least five)** credits in world languages or student demonstration of proficiency as set forth in N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1(a)2ii(2);
8. **2.5 (At least two and one-half)** credits in financial, economic, business, and entrepreneurial literacy;
9. Technological literacy, consistent with the NJSLS, integrated throughout the curriculum;
10. **5 (At least five)** credits in 21st century life and careers, or career-technical education; and
11. Electives as determined by the high school program sufficient to total a minimum of **130 (must be at least one hundred twenty)** credits.
12. **10** hours per year of Community Service

A minimum of:

- 25 credits is required for promotion to Grade 10
- 55 credits is required for promotion to Grade 11
- 90 credits is required for promotion to Grade 12