GENERAL INFORMATION

I. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A. Basic Requirements [from Board of Education Policy 6146]

1. A minimum of 120 credits is required for graduation.
2. Each student shall complete the following prerequisites to earn a diploma:
   a. Two (2) years of United States History as required by New Jersey State Statute NJSA 18A: 35-1;
   b. One (1) year of World Civilizations;
   c. A yearly course in physical education and health as required by New Jersey State Statute NJSA 18A:35-7;
   d. Four (4) years of English;
   e. Three (3) years of natural or physical science, two of which must be a lab science; biology must be one of the three courses.
   f. Three (3) years of mathematics; Algebra I is required for everyone in the Class of 2012. Algebra I and Geometry for the Class of 2014.
   g. Five (5) credits in visual and performing arts;
   h. Five (5) credits in 21st century life and career skills;
   i. Five (5) credits in world languages;
   j. 2.5 credits in Financial Literacy.
   k. Evidence of cross-content workplace readiness per NJSA 6A: 8-5.1.
3. A minimum of fifteen (15) credits per semester and a minimum of thirty (30) credits per year.
4. The principal alone may, for good reason, waive the minimum of thirty (30) credits per year with the understanding that the student needs 120 credits for graduation.
5. High school level courses taken prior to Grade 9 may be used to meet prerequisites for advancement in a particular subject area and satisfy the Algebra requirement. A listing of these courses appears as a separate category on the high school transcript. However, because graduation credit requirements may only be met by courses taken in Grades 9-12, courses taken prior to Grade 9 are not included in GPA or class rank nor do they count toward graduation requirements, except Algebra, which can satisfy the content requirement, but not the

credit requirement.

6. High school level courses taken in approved high school evening and review programs, and through distance learning, are not included in GPA or class rank.

7. The 120-credit requirement may be met in whole or in part through program completion as `follows:

   a. District boards of education may determine and establish a set number of curricular activities or programs aimed at achieving the Core Curriculum Content Standards for promotion and graduation purposes.

   b. Curricular activities and programs may be organized around an interdisciplinary model based on themes involving the Core Curriculum Content Standards.