Rising 12th Grade: Course Selection Progress Instructions



As a senior, you need to make sure you have met all our graduation requirements.

ESASD's Minimum Requirements for Graduation

Students must accumulate a minimum of 26.0 credits by the end of grade 12.

Credits	Graduation Requirements
4.00	English
4.00	Mathematics
4.00	Social Studies
3.00	Science
1.00	Physical Education
.75	Health
.25	Drivers Education
2.00	Arts & Humanities
7.00	Electives Starting with the Class of 2029, one credit must be Financial Literacy
26	TOTAL CREDITS

*Monroe Career & Technical Institute (MCTI) students involved in select career pathways may be subject to other requirements.

* Students with IEPs, these requirements may be waived by the decision of the IEP team.

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In addition to any local graduation requirements outlined above, students must meet one or more of Pennsylvania's Pathways to Graduation. This information can be found on your Sapphire portal under Graduation Progress. Students who have not yet met at least one of the pathways outlined in the Pennsylvania Pathways to Graduation document should discuss their options with their school counselor.

Course Recommendations for CORE classes:

Your current-year core (English, Social Studies, Math, and Science) teacher will recommend you for the level (AP, Honors, CP, or Applied) of instruction for HS core classes. In addition, we provide supplemental learning support classes for students receiving Special Education services to ensure that individual needs are met, students receive the appropriate supports, and they are educated in the most suitable learning environment in accordance with their Individualized Education Program (IEP)

*Students should conference with their current subject area teacher/ team regarding their level.

*If you disagree with your core course recommendations, you can participate in the Parent Review of Course Selection process

Elective Courses:

Before choosing your electives, review your graduation requirements, transcript, and any additional requirements for your post-secondary plans. For example, an engineering major may need extra math or science courses. Your school counselor is available to help—**make an appointment if needed**.

Rising 12th Grade: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

How do I double up in science and math?
If you are interested in doubling up in math and science. It is important to provide your teacher with your first choice for your course recommendation. During your course selection session, you will be able to schedule your additional science or math classes as an elective. We advise you to check with your teacher before scheduling to ensure you have all the required prerequisites for the course. It is also important to remember that the goal of "doubling up" is to surpass the graduation requirements for post-secondary purposes.

How do I schedule MCTI?
If you are in an MCTI program, your school counselor will schedule your program for you.

How many credits do I need to be eligible for local scholarships, honors, awards, etc.?
We recommend taking 5.5 credits of classroom instruction to meet the required eligibility requirements.

How many credits do I need to remain eligible to play high school sports/clubs?
Students participating in PIAA sports/clubs must carry a minimum of 2 credits of graded classroom instruction each semester to be eligible *(per PIAA guidelines)*

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What happens if I finish my requirements in January and want to graduate in January?
Students need to meet with their counselor before the start of their Senior year.

What Advanced Placement (AP), Dual Enrollment, and Dual Credit options are available to me?
The district offers students multiple pathways to engage in college-level work and potentially earn post-secondary credit. Advanced Placement (AP), Dual Enrollment (DE), and Dual Credit course offerings are detailed in the corresponding sections of this PoS. Students are required to review these sections carefully before the scheduling process.

We currently maintain partnerships with the following institutions to provide college credit opportunities:

- East Stroudsburg University (ESU)
- Lackawanna College (LC)
- Northampton Community College (NCC)

What should I know if I plan to play a sport in college (Div I and Div II)?
Please visit eligibilitycenter.org to see NCAA requirements to be eligible to participate in college sports. Also, please reference the NCAA section in the PoS. If you plan to play a sport in a Div I or Div II college program, it is imperative that you schedule a meeting with a school counselor.