

Mahwah Township Public Schools
Mahwah High School

Graduation Requirements for Class of 2027 and thereafter

Students are required to successfully complete specific courses by NJ Statute. Should a student fail a course, they should be strongly encouraged to go to summer school for credit recovery in these courses, or they will need to take them before being able to enter the next course in sequence.

Courses	Years of Study	Credits
English (Core: ELA9, ELA10, ELA11 or AP, ELA 12 or AP)	4	20
Social Studies (Core: World History, US History 1 & US History 2)	3	15
Mathematics (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2) [Three years of mathematics level courses must be completed while enrolled in high school.]	3	15
Science (Core: Biology, Chemistry, Physics)	3	18*
World Language [two consecutive years of same language]	2	10
Physical Education/Health/ Driver Education	4 (during each year of enrollment)	16-20
Visual or Performing Arts (Art, Music, Drama, Dance)	1	5
21st century life and careers, or career and technical education, media arts (Practical Arts)	1	5
Financial Literacy	0.5 (1Semester)	2.5
Freshman Advisory	1	1
Electives	4	22.5
Total Credits		125

NJ State Assessment Requirements: NJSL Assessment in Science for any student enrolled in Grade 11; as well as a passing score on state approved NJGPA-Adaptive assessments as outlined in charts below by class cohort.

Participation in Graduation Exercises

In order to participate in graduation exercises students must complete all the academic, assessment, and attendance requirements for the courses necessary for a Mahwah High School diploma. In addition, students must fulfill all obligations (financial, disciplinary, etc.) which they have incurred. Students who do not meet the requirements necessary for graduation will not be permitted to participate/walk in graduation in June. Participation in graduation exercises is a privilege not a right.

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: August 5, 2026
From: Jorden Schiff, Ed.D., Assistant Commissioner
Division of Teaching and Learning Services

Graduation Ready Cut Scores Established for the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment-Adaptive (NJGPA-A): English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics, and Alternative Assessments

On August 5, 2026, the New Jersey State Board of Education approved the proficiency level cut score for the ELA and mathematics components of the NJGPA-A. The cut scores for the menu of alternative assessments will remain the same as they were for the classes of 2024-2026. The requirements for the class of 2027 are provided below and will be available on the [Graduation Assessment Requirements](#) webpage.

First Pathway – NJGPA-A Cut Scores

ELA	Mathematics
≥ 450 (Graduation Ready)	≥ 450 (Graduation Ready)

Second Pathway – Menu of Alternative Assessments Cut Scores

ELA	Mathematics
One of the following: • ACT Reading ≥ 17 • Accuplacer WritePlacer ≥ 5 • Accuplacer WritePlacer English Second Language ≥ 4 • PSAT10 Evidence Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) ≥ 420 • PSAT10 Reading* ≥ 21 • PSAT/NMSQT EBRW ≥ 420 • PSAT/NMSQT Reading* ≥ 21 • SAT EBRW ≥ 450 • SAT Reading ≥ 23	One of the following: • ACT Math ≥ 17 • Accuplacer Elementary Algebra* ≥ 49 • Accuplacer Next-Generation QAS ≥ 250 • PSAT10 Math Section or PSAT/NMSQT Math Section ≥ 420 • PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math ≥ 21 • SAT Math Section ≥ 440 • SAT Math Test ≥ 22

*These assessments are no longer administered.

Third Pathway – Portfolio Appeals

The Portfolio Appeals process will continue to be available for students in the class of 2027.