

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Board of Education requires all candidates for graduation to successfully complete 125 credits of coursework, including the specific requirements listed below; meet the state's graduation assessment requirement through one of the three pathways described in this document; and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or an approved alternative, as required by the State of New Jersey.

1. Credit Requirements (125 Credits Total)

English Language Arts 20 credits	English I – IV
Mathematics 15 credits	- Algebra I or the content equivalent - Geometry or the content equivalent - Algebra II or a course that builds on its concepts and skills
Science 15 credits	- Laboratory Biology/Life Science or the content equivalent - Laboratory/inquiry-based science course - Laboratory/inquiry-based science course (i.e. Chemistry, Environmental Science, or Physics)
Social Studies 15 credits	- World History - US History I - US History II
Financial, Economic, Business & Entrepreneurial Literacy 2.5 credits	- Personal Finance - Business Math - Economics
Physical Education & Health 20 credits	Physical Education & Health is required during each year of enrollment
Visual and Performing Arts 5 credits	Includes Art, Music, Drama and Dance
World Languages 10 credits	Foreign Language preferably taken in sequential order
21st Century Life and Careers 5 credits	Includes Technology, Freshman Seminar and CTE courses
Electives	Any credits earned beyond the required graduation credits are counted as elective credits.
Technological Literacy	Integrated through all courses

2. Graduation Assessment Requirements

On August 5, 2026, the New Jersey State Board of Education approved the proficiency level cut scores for the English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics components of the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment–Adaptive (NJGPA-A). The cut scores for the menu of alternative assessments remain the same as they were for the classes of 2024–2026. Students may satisfy the assessment requirement through any one of the three pathways below.

Pathway 1 — NJGPA-A Cut Scores

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

Pathway 2 — Menu of Alternative Assessments

ELA	Mathematics
<i>One of the following:</i> ● 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	<i>One of the following:</i> ● 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.*

Pathway 3 — Portfolio Appeals

The Portfolio Appeals process continues to be available for students in the Class of 2027 who do not meet the requirements of Pathway 1 or Pathway 2.