



STATE/DISTRICT GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

(EFFECTIVE WITH THE CLASS OF 2014)

To accumulate the 130 credits required to earn a high school diploma, students must successfully complete the following courses as required by the New Jersey State Department of Education and the Newark Public Schools.

CONTENT AREA	COURSE	YEARS	CREDITS
Language Arts Literacy	English I, II, III, IV	4 years	20 credits
Mathematics	Mathematics	4 years	20 credits
Science	Science	4 years	20 credits
Social Studies	World History	1 year	5 credits
	US History I, II	2 years	10 credits
	Financial Literacy	½ year	2.5 credits
	Semester Course	½ year	2.5 credits
World Language	World Language I, II	2 years	10 credits
Visual and Performing Arts	Visual and Performing Arts	1 year	5 credits
Health, Safety and Physical Education	Physical Education/Health I, II, III, IV	4 years	20 credits
21 st Century Life and Careers, or Career-Technical Education	Career-Technical Education Course	1 year	5 credits
Electives	Electives	2 years	10 credits
Total Credits			130 minimum credits
Additional Requirements: b) Demonstrated mastery on State Assessments (HSPA or End of Course Exams); c) 80 hours of Community Service; d) Senior Thesis			

To be eligible for sophomore status (10th grade), students must have earned 32.5 credits. To be eligible for junior status (11th grade), students must have earned 65 credits. To be eligible for senior status (12th grade), students must have earned 97.5 credits.

CREDITS: Each full year course earns 5 credits. Each half-year course earns 2.5 credits. In a block schedule, a one-semester course is equivalent to 5 credits; a half-semester course earns 2.5 credits.