Graduation Course & Credit Requirements

To receive a New Jersey State endorsed diploma from Long Branch High School, each student must earn a minimum of 120 credits in the subject areas below. Refer to the Program of Studies to match the courses that fulfill each graduation requirement.

Subject Area		Minimum Credit & Course Requirement		Minimum College Requirements		Comments
English	\rightarrow	4 years (20 Credits)	\rightarrow	4 years		
Mathematics	\rightarrow	3 years (15 credits)	\rightarrow	3 years including Algebra I, Geometry, & Algebra II or higher level math courses.	\rightarrow	For entrance into competitive colleges and/or certain majors, 4 years of math is preferred and may be required for entrance.
Science	\rightarrow	3 years (15 credits) Including Biology AND a Chemistry, Physics or Environmental	\rightarrow	2-3 years of lab Sciences		
Social Studies	\rightarrow	3 years (15 credits)	\rightarrow	3 or 4 years	\rightarrow	Most colleges require Biology & Chemistry. 4 years of science is preferred and may be required for entrance into competetive colleges. Physics may be required for certain majors.
Health & Phys Ed	\rightarrow	4 years (20 credits) or 5 credits for each year enrolled in high school				
World Language (WL)	\rightarrow	1 year (5 credits)	\rightarrow	2 years	\rightarrow	Most colleges requirea 2 year minimum of a single world language. 3 or more years of study may be required for admission to competetive colleges.
21st Century Life & Careers (CCS)	\rightarrow	1 year (5 credits)				
Visual & Performing Arts (VPA)	\rightarrow	1 year (5 credits)				
Financial Literacy (FEBE)	\rightarrow	1 semester (2.5 credits)				
General Electives (GE)	\rightarrow	General elective credits may be academic or non-academic courses. Credits may vary.				