



OFFICE OF CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION
Graduation Requirements
Class of 2017-2020, and 2021

A student will be considered eligible to receive a high school diploma after satisfying the following:

1. Earning a minimum of 120 credits in core courses that satisfactorily address the NJ Student Learning Standards,
2. Satisfying Career Technical Education requirements, and
3. Demonstrating competency in statewide approved assessments, in accordance with the minimum requirements of the New Jersey Board of Education (N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1 (a)) and the Board of Education of the Essex County Vocational Technical Schools.

The minimum course requirements for graduation are as follows:

- ✓ 20 credits of Language Arts Literacy over 4 years.
- ✓ 15 credits of Mathematics, including Algebra and Geometry.
- ✓ 15 credits of Science (including Biology and one additional laboratory science).
- ✓ 15 credits of Social Studies (including one World History).
- ✓ 15 credits of Health and Physical Education over 4 years.
- ✓ 5 credits of Visual and Performing Arts.
- ✓ 5 credits of a World Language.
- ✓ 2.5 credits in Financial, Economic, Business, and Entrepreneurial Literacy

* Provisions for alternate credit acquisition will be provided through Option 2 (approved by the building principal) and/or as identified in the Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) of the student.

* For the classes of 2017, 2018, & 2019, cut scores for state approved competency assessments have been set. Students will be able to demonstrate proficiency in both ELA and math by meeting ONE of the criteria in each column below: [N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.1(b) through (d)]

English Language Arts	Mathematics
PARCC ELA Grade 9 \geq 750 (Level 4) or	PARCC Algebra I \geq 750 (Level 4) or
PARCC ELA Grade 10 \geq 750 (Level 4) or	PARCC Geometry \geq 725 (Level 3) or
PARCC ELA Grade 11 \geq 725 (Level 3) or	PARCC Algebra II \geq 725 (Level 3) or
Prior to 3/1/16 SAT Critical Reading \geq 400; or	Prior to 3/1/16 SAT Math \geq 400; or
3/1/16 or later SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section \geq 450 OR SAT Reading Test \geq 22	3/1/16 or later SAT Math Section \geq 440 OR SAT Math Test \geq 22
ACT Reading or ACT PLAN Reading \geq 16; or	ACT or ACT PLAN Math \geq 16; or
Accuplacer Write Placer \geq 6; or Accuplacer Write Placer ESL \geq 4; or	Accuplacer Elementary Algebra \geq 76; or
PSAT 10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading* \geq 40; or	PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math * \geq 40; or
PSAT 10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading ** \geq 22; or	PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math ** \geq 22; or
ACT Aspire \geq 422; or	ACT Aspire \geq 422; or
ASVAB - AFQT Composite \geq 31; or	ASVAB - AFQT \geq 31; or
Meet the criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal	Meet the criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal

Note: * PSAT taken prior to October 2015; **PSAT taken after October 2015.

* The Class of 2020 can demonstrate graduation using the same pathways above provided they have taken ALL the PARCC assessments they are eligible for and have received valid scores.

* The Class of 2021 will have two pathways to meet the graduation requirements: (1) Pass the PARCC ELA 10 and Algebra 1 Assessments, or (2) successfully complete the Appeals Portfolio as per NJDOE.

* English Language Learners (ELLs) will continue to take the WIDA Access Placement Test (WAPT) for admissions/placement and the Access for ELLs for progress/exit.

As a Vocational-Technical School District, students are required to successfully complete the Career Technical Education (CTE) program coursework and/or participation in the Cooperative Industrial Education/Cooperative Office Education (CIE/COE) work-study program (N.J.A.C. 6A:8-2.2), as requisites for graduation. Additionally, students must demonstrate competency in a, state approved, industry-recognized assessment. Please refer to the chart below for more information:

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