



OFFICE OF CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION
Graduation Requirements

Class of 2017 & 2018

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 New Jersey Student Learning Standards for the nine content areas (<http://www.state.nj.us/education/cccs/>),

Note: * The Math and ELA standards were redesigned and approved on May 2016.

- (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 (150min per week).
- ✓ 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, 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 ≥ 750 (Level 4) <i>or</i>	PARCC Algebra I ≥ 750 (Level 4) <i>or</i>
PARCC ELA Grade 10 ≥ 750 (Level 4) <i>or</i>	PARCC Geometry ≥ 725 (Level 3) <i>or</i>
PARCC ELA Grade 11 ≥ 725 (Level 3) <i>or</i>	PARCC Algebra II ≥ 725 (Level 3) <i>or</i>
Prior to 3/1/16 SAT Critical Reading ≥ 400 <i>or</i>	Prior to 3/1/16 SAT Math ≥ 400 <i>or</i>
3/1/16 or later SAT Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing Section ≥ 450 OR SAT Reading Test ≥ 22	3/1/16 or later SAT Math Section ≥ 440 or SAT Math Test ≥ 22
ACT Reading or ACT Plan Reading ≥ 16 <i>or</i>	ACT or ACT Plan Math ≥ 16 <i>or</i>
Accuplacer Write Placer ≥ 6 <i>or</i>	Accuplacer Elementary Algebra ≥ 76 <i>or</i>
Accuplacer Write Placer ESL ≥ 4 <i>or</i>	
PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading* ≥ 40 <i>or</i>	PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math * ≥ 40 <i>or</i>
PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT** ≥ 22 ** <i>or</i>	PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math ** ≥ 22 <i>or</i>
ACT Aspire Reading ≥ 422 <i>or</i>	ACT Aspire Math ≥ 422 <i>or</i>
ASVAB-AFQT Composite ≥ 31 <i>or</i>	ASVAB-AFQT Composite ≥ 31 <i>or</i>
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.

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.

<http://www.state.nj.us/education/intervention/memos/120214grad.pdf>

<http://ntuaft.com/TISE/Legal%20Mandates/Administrative%20Code/Title%206A/Chapter%2008%20Standards%20and%20Assessment/Subchapter%205/5.1.htm>