



2019-20 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

ESSEX COUNTY SCHOOLS OF TECHNOLOGY

OFFICE OF CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

The Board of Education will recognize the successful completion of the secondary school instructional program by the award of a State-endorsed diploma certifying the student has met all State and local requirements for high school graduation. The Board will annually certify to the Executive County Superintendent that each student who has been awarded a diploma has met the requirements for graduation.

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. Demonstrate 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 Schools of Technology.

The **minimum** course requirements for graduation are as follows:

- ✓ 20 credits of English Language Arts Literacy (5 credits per year),
- ✓ 15 credits of Mathematics, including Algebra and Geometry, and a third course that builds upon the skills learned in Algebra & Geometry,
- ✓ 15 credits of Science (including Biology, Chemistry, and Physics),
- ✓ 15 credits of Social Studies (including World History & US History),
- ✓ 15 credits of Health and Physical Education (3.75 credits per year),
- ✓ 5 credits of Visual and Performing Arts,
- ✓ 5 credits of a World Language,
- ✓ 2.5 credits in Financial, Economic, Business, and Entrepreneurial Literacy,
- ✓ 30 credits of Career & Technical Education (CTE),
- ✓ Technological Literacy integrated throughout the curriculum, and
- ✓ Other electives determined by the district to satisfy the total minimum of 120 credits.

*It highly recommended that students also complete approximately 15 hours of Service Learning per year. In addition to applying learning to making our communities better, these experiences also serve as qualifiers for scholarship opportunities.

* Students that fail an academic course, must retake the course either in summer school or online, in order to progress to the next level in the course sequence.

* Students that fail a CTE course, will be placed in academic probation for CTE the following year. If no improvement is shown, student will be in jeopardy of returning back to district.

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 prerequisites for graduation. Additionally, students must demonstrate competency in a, state approved, industry-recognized assessment. Please refer to the chart below for more information:

PROSTART

Culinary Arts

NJ STATE COSMETOLOGIST LICENSE

Cosmetology

NJ NURSING AIDE CERTIFICATION

Allied Health Careers

CASE

AgScience

A*S*K BUSINESS CONCEPTS

Business

AMERICAN WELDING SOCIETY

Welding

AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE EXCELLENCE

Automotive Tech

NOCTI

<http://www.nocti.org/>

All other Career & Technical Programs

* 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.

* ACCESS for ELLs - English Language Learners (ELLs) in the ESL program must also meet the outlined graduation requirements. Additionally, ELLs will have to take the WIDA ACCESS Placement Test (WAPT) as an admissions requirement for placement and the ACCESS for ELLs Assessment annually while in the ESL Program. Performance on the ACCESS for ELLs assessment will be used to determine linguistic strengths/needs as well as readiness for EXIT and PROMOTION.

A student can be eligible for exit if they score a 4.5 at any tier, but multiple measures must be taken into account before exiting. Multiple measures considered for exit include: ACCESS for ELLs proficiency level, previous academic performance, proficiency in other standardized assessments, teacher/counselor recommendations, reading levels, and writing samples.



New Jersey High School Graduation Assessment Requirements

On February 22, 2019, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) updated the high school graduation assessment requirements in both English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and mathematics for the Classes of 2019 and 2020, pursuant to a consent order from the Appellate Division of the New Jersey Superior Court.

The Classes of 2019 and 2020

Students graduating as members of the Classes of 2019 and 2020 can meet graduation assessment requirements through any of these three pathways:

- (1) Achieve passing scores on high school level NJSLA/PARCC assessments;
- (2) Achieve scores defined in the table below on alternative assessments such as the SAT, ACT, or ACCUPLACER; or
- (3) Submit, through the district, a student portfolio appeal to the NJDOE.

Each school year the NJDOE will determine the proficiency level and/or cut scores needed on the assessments to meet the graduation assessment requirements. The proficiency levels/cut scores for the Classes of 2019 and 2020 are below.

Note: Special Education students, whose Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) specify an alternative way to demonstrate proficiencies, will continue to follow the graduation assessment requirements set forth in their IEPs.

The Class of 2021 and Beyond

The NJDOE will continue to work with the New Jersey State Board of Education to address, through the regulatory process, the Appellate Division's December 31, 2018 decision. It is the goal of the NJDOE to address this matter in a thoughtful yet expeditious manner.

ELA and Math Assessment Graduation Requirements for the Classes of 2019 and 2020

This document reflects the high school graduation assessment requirements for the Classes of 2019 and 2020, pursuant to a consent order received by the NJDOE from the Appellate Division of the New Jersey Superior Court. The requirements for the Class of 2019 remain unchanged from the requirements that have been effective since September 6, 2016. However, the requirements for the Class of 2020 were modified through the consent order. Please note the cut scores listed below are the same cut scores that were available to the Class of 2018.

Pathways Available	English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA)	Mathematics
First Pathway: Take and Pass a PARCC/NJSLA Test	NJSLA/PARCC ELA Grade 9 \geq 750 (Level 4), <i>or</i> NJSLA/PARCC ELA Grade 10 \geq 750 (Level 4), <i>or</i> NJSLA/PARCC ELA Grade 11 \geq 725 (Level 3)	NJSLA/PARCC Algebra I \geq 750 (Level 4), <i>or</i> NJSLA/PARCC Geometry \geq 725 (Level 3), <i>or</i> NJSLA/PARCC Algebra II \geq 725 (Level 3)
Second Pathway: Meet Designated Cut Score on One of the Alternative Assessments	SAT Critical Reading (taken before 3/1/16) \geq 400, <i>or</i> SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section (taken 3/1/16 or later) \geq 450, <i>or</i> SAT Reading Test (taken 3/1/16 or later) \geq 22, <i>or</i> ACT Reading or ACT PLAN Reading ¹ \geq 16, <i>or</i> ACCUPLACER WritePlacer \geq 6, <i>or</i> ACCUPLACER WritePlacer ESL \geq 4, <i>or</i> PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading (taken before 10/1/15) \geq 40, <i>or</i> PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading (taken 10/1/15 or later) \geq 22, <i>or</i> ACT Aspire Reading ¹ \geq 422, <i>or</i> ASVAB-AFQT Composite \geq 31	SAT Math (taken before 3/1/16) \geq 400, <i>or</i> SAT Math Section (taken 3/1/16 or later) \geq 440, <i>or</i> SAT Math Test (taken 3/1/16 or later) \geq 22, <i>or</i> ACT or ACT PLAN Math ¹ \geq 16, <i>or</i> ACCUPLACER Elementary Algebra \geq 76, <i>or</i> Next-Generation ACCUPLACER Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics (QAS) (beginning January 2019) ² \geq 255, <i>or</i> PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math (taken before 10/1/15) \geq 40, <i>or</i> PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math (taken 10/1/15 or later) \geq 22, <i>or</i> ACT Aspire Math ¹ \geq 422, <i>or</i> ASVAB-AFQT Composite \geq 31
Third Pathway: Portfolio Appeals	Meet the criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal for ELA	Meet the criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal for Math

¹ Test is no longer administered but can be used for the graduating year.

² Beginning on **Monday, January 28, 2019**, classic ACCUPLACER tests were no longer available. QAS will replace ACCUPLACER Elementary Algebra.