



**New Jersey State Minimum¹ Graduation Requirements by
Content Area 120 credits ([N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1](#))**

Content Area	Credits and additional requirements
English Language Arts	20 credits
Mathematics	<p align="center">15 credits including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra I or the content equivalent² • Geometry or the content equivalent² • Third year of math that builds on the concepts and skills of algebra and geometry and prepares students for college and 21st century careers
Science	<p align="center">15 credits with at least 5 credits in each:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laboratory biology/life science or the content equivalent • Laboratory/inquiry-based science course (i.e., chemistry, environmental science, or physics) • Laboratory/inquiry-based science course
Social Studies	<p align="center">15 credits including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 credits in world history • Integration of civics, economics, geography and global content in all course offerings • N.J.S.A. 18A:35-1 and 18A:35-2
Financial, Economic Business, and Entrepreneurial Business Literacy	2.5 credits
Health, Safety, and Physical Education	<p align="center">15 credits over four years including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 ¾ credits in health, safety, and physical education during each year of enrollment, distributed as 150 minutes per week each year • N.J.S.A. 18A:35-5, 18A:35-7 and 18A:35-8
Visual and Performing Arts	5 credits
World Languages	5 credits
Technology	Integrated throughout all courses
21st Century Life and Careers	5 credits

Note: The chart above was made accessible. The visual chart on the second page of this document has the same information in the chart above, but is not accessible.

¹ School districts may establish course and/or credit requirements which exceed the State minimums.

² "Content equivalent" means courses or activities that include the same or equivalent knowledge and skills as those found in traditionally titled courses which are required for high school graduation and which are aligned with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.



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