

## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

A graduating pupil must have earned a minimum of 130 credits in courses designed to meet all of the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards including, but not limited to, the following credits:

20 credits in language arts literacy (must be 4 years of LAL or ESL) aligned to grade nine through twelve standards, effective with the 2009-2010 grade nine class;

15 credits (3 years) in mathematics, including Algebra I or the content equivalent (“content equivalent” is defined at N.J.A.C. 6A:8-1.3) effective with the 2008-2009 grade nine class, including Geometry or the content equivalent effective with the 2010-2011 grade nine class, and including a third year of mathematics that builds on the concepts and skills of Algebra and Geometry and that prepares pupils for college and 21st century careers effective with the 2012-2013 grade nine class;

15 credits in social studies (3 years), including satisfaction of N.J.S.A. 18A:35-1 and 18A:35-2: five credits in World History, and the integration of civics, economics, geography, and global content in all course offerings;

15 credits in science (3 years), including at least five credits in Laboratory Biology/Life Science or the content equivalent effective with the 2008-2009 grade nine class, including one additional laboratory/inquiry-based science course which shall include Chemistry, Environmental Science, or Physics effective with the 2010-2011 grade nine class, and including one additional laboratory/inquiry-based science course effective with 2012-2013 grade nine class;

5 credits in Health, Safety, and Physical Education during each year of enrollment, distributed as one hundred fifty minutes per week, as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:35-5, 7 and 8;

5 credits in Visual and Performing Arts;

5 credits in World Languages or pupil demonstration of proficiency as set forth in N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1(a)2ii(2);

2.5 credits in Financial, Economic, Business, and Entrepreneurial Literacy, effective with 2010-2011 grade nine class;

Technological literacy, consistent with the Core Curriculum Content Standards, integrated throughout the curriculum;

5 credits in 21st Century Life and Careers, or Career-Technical Education; and

Electives as determined by the high school program sufficient to total a minimum of 130 credits.

Credit means the award for the equivalent of a class period of instruction which meets for a minimum of forty minutes, one time per week during the school year or as approved through N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1(a)2.

Successfully pass the HSPA exam or satisfactorily complete the AHSA process.

## **CREDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR PROMOTION**

Students are required to successfully complete a minimum number of credits in order to be promoted to the next grade level.

30 Credits for placement into Grade 10.

60 Credits for placement into Grade 11.

90 Credits for placement into Grade 12.

130 Credits required for graduation.