



## PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

### Graduation Requirements

The Board of Education requires all candidates for graduation to successfully complete 125 credits in course work, including the specific requirements listed below, as well as pass a proficiency assessment.

<b>English/Language Arts</b>	<b>20 credits</b> (includes English I – IV)
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>15 credits</b> (includes Algebra I and Geometry, plus one additional class that builds on Algebra I and Geometry and prepares students for college and 21 <sup>st</sup> century careers)
<b>Health and Physical Education</b>	<b>20 credits</b> as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:35-5, 7 and 8 (a minimum of 3.75 credits a year, distributed as 150 minutes per week)
<b>Science</b>	<b>15 credits</b> (including lab biology/life science; lab chemistry, physics, or environmental science; plus an additional lab/inquiry based science class)
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>15 credits</b> includes satisfaction of N.J.S.A 18A:35-1 and 2 and the integration of civics, economics, geography and global content in all course offerings (including World History; US History I and II)
<b>World Languages</b>	<b>10 credits</b> or approved student demonstration of proficiency
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Century Life and Careers</b>	<b>5 credits</b> (includes Business, Family and Consumer Science, Technology or Vocational Technical Education)
<b>Financial, Economics, and Entrepreneurial Literacy</b>	<b>2.5 credits</b>
<b>Visual and Performing Arts</b>	<b>5 credits</b> (includes Art, Music, Drama and Dance)
<b>Electives</b>	<b>17.5 additional credits</b> from elective courses
<b>Technological Literacy</b>	Consistent with the Core Content Curriculum Standards, and integrated throughout the curriculum as listed above.