



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.

English/Language Arts	20 credits (includes English I – IV)
Mathematics	15 credits (includes Algebra I and Geometry, plus one additional class that builds on Algebra I and Geometry and prepares students for college and 21 st century careers)
Health and Physical Education	20 credits At least 3.75 credits in Physical Education and 1.25 credits in health & safety during each year of enrollment, as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:35-5, 7 and 8
Science	15 credits (including lab biology/life science; lab chemistry, physics, or environmental science; plus an additional lab/inquiry based science class)
Social Studies	15 credits includes satisfaction of N.J.S.A 18A:35-1 and 2 (US History I and US II) and the integration of civics, economics, geography and global content in all course offerings including World History
World Languages	10 credits or approved student demonstration of proficiency
21st Century Life and Careers	5 credits (includes Business, Family and Consumer Science, Technology or Vocational Technical Education)
Financial, Economics, and Entrepreneurial Literacy	2.5 credits
Visual and Performing Arts	5 credits (includes Art, Music, Drama and Dance)
Electives	17.5 additional credits from elective courses
Technological Literacy	Consistent with the Core Content Curriculum Standards, and integrated throughout the curriculum as listed above.



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