

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION**

The purpose of this section is to inform students of the requirements they must fulfill in grades 9 through 12 before being awarded a state-endorsed diploma.

### **A. High School Proficiency Assessment**

1. Each student is required to pass the state examination in order to receive a high school diploma at the end of grade twelve. Students who do not pass this examination will be given remedial help and the opportunity to demonstrate mastery of the failed proficiencies prior to their expected date of graduation.

2. Academic Support Instruction will be provided in the high school to meet the needs of those students who fall below the state mandated proficiencies.

### **B. Subject Requirements**

The subject requirements for the Class of 2011 are as follows:

English.....	4 years
Mathematics.....	3 years
U.S. History.....	2 years
World History.....	1 year
Science.....	3 years
World Languages.....	1 year
Physical Education/Health.....	4 years
Performing or Visual Arts .....	1 year
Practical, Technological or Vocational Arts.....	1 year

For the Classes of 2012 and 2013, requirements are as follows:

English.....	4 years
Mathematics including Algebra 1.....	3 years
U.S. History.....	2 years
World History.....	1 year
Lab Sciences including Biology.....	3 years
World Languages.....	1 year
Physical Education/Health.....	4 years
Performing or Visual Arts.....	1 year
Practical, Technological or Vocational Arts.....	1 year

The Classes of 2014 and 2015 must successfully demonstrate proficiencies in the following units:

English.....	4 years
Mathematics including Algebra 1 and Geometry.....	3 years
U.S. History.....	2 years
World History.....	1 year
Science: Lab Sciences including Biology and a choice among Chemistry, Physics or Environmental Science.....	3 years

World Languages.....	1 year
Physical Education/Health.....	4 years
Performing or Visual Arts .....	1 year
Practical, Technological or Vocational Arts.....	1 year
Economics/Financial Literacy.....	1/2 year

Starting with the Class of 2016, the following requirements must be met:

English.....	4 years
Mathematics including Algebra 1 and Geometry and a third year of math that builds upon these two courses.....	3 years
U.S. History.....	2 years
World History.....	1 year
Science: Lab Sciences including Biology and a choice among Chemistry, Physics or Environmental Science and a third inquiry-based lab or technical science.....	3 years
World Languages.....	1 year
Physical Education/Health.....	4 years
Performing or Visual Arts.....	1 year
Practical, Technological or Vocational Arts.....	1 year
Economics/Financial Literacy.....	1/2 year

## **CREDIT HOURS**

Students receive credit for each period spent in a course per week for the duration of the course. For instance, if a student has a course that meets one period a day, five (5) days a week for the entire school year, then he/she receives five (5) credits provided he/she passes the course. If a course meets one period, five (5) days per week for one semester, the student receives 2.5 credits upon successful completion of the course. If a course meets two (2) periods per day, five (5) days per week, then the value of the course is ten (10) credits.

Most courses are either 2, 2.5 or 5 credits, but there are some courses that are valued at 6, 10, or 15 credits. In any case, the credit value of these courses is determined in the manner described above.

The Sayreville Board of Education requires that a candidate for graduation will have earned a minimum of 120 credits at the high school.

Also, please note:

1. To be a sophomore, a student must accumulate a minimum of 25 credits.
2. To be a junior, a student must accumulate a minimum of 50 credits.
3. To be a senior, a student must accumulate a minimum of 85 credits. Seniors who have not earned 95 credits must select a full-day schedule.

4. To be a senior and qualify for early dismissal, students must accumulate a minimum of 95 credits **and** pass all parts of the High School Proficiency Assessment. (Seniors who take the early dismissal option may not select a study hall or a lunch period.)

NOTE: The credits specified must be accumulated prior to the first day of school.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Advanced Placement courses are available to qualified, committed students who desire to pursue **demanding**, advanced-level coursework. Colleges may grant credit or advanced standing depending on the candidate's score in the Advanced Placement examination and on the particular college policy.

### ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for athletics a student must have passed 27.5 credits the previous year by the beginning of the first semester of each new school year, except for grade 9. To be eligible for spring sports a student must be passing six courses. Any student who is taking six or fewer subjects in the fall (first semester) will be ineligible for spring sports if he/she fails any subject.

### ACADEMIC SUPPORT INSTRUCTION

Academic Support Instruction (ASI) in reading, writing and mathematics is required by the State of New Jersey for those students whose scores on standardized tests, including the NJPASS, the **NJASK 8** and the New Jersey High School Proficiency Assessment fall below designated levels, which are determined by the State of New Jersey.

In addition, students who have received a non-proficient score on the standardized tests may be required to take the basic course in World History, United States History 1 and United States History 2. These courses satisfy history requirements for graduation.

Mathematics 104, 204, 304, 404, like (ASI) English 9-12, will satisfy requirements for high school graduation in mathematics. However, only two years of Mathematics 104, 204, 304, 404 may be counted toward fulfillment of the mathematics requirement for graduation.

### PERFORMING, PRACTICAL AND VISUAL ARTS

Performing and Visual Arts include:

- Art Department courses;
- all courses in the Music Department;
- Theatre, Communication Arts through Television.

Practical, Technological or Vocational Arts include:

- Basic CPR, First Aid and Injury Management;
- all courses in the Business Department;
- all courses in the Family, Consumer

Sciences and Technology Departments;  
Communication Arts through Television;  
Computer Programming (may fulfill a math requirement or practical art but not both simultaneously).

### COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Most four-year colleges in the United States require that prospective students accumulate at least 16 college preparatory units to qualify for admission consideration. The majority of college preparatory units are comprised of semester and full year courses taught in the areas of English, social studies, mathematics, science, and foreign language. A college preparatory unit is equal to one full year course. There are some colleges that require as many as 20.

Minimum entrance requirements for four-year colleges usually include the following:

- English.....4 units (grades 9,10,11,&12)
- History.....2 units (U.S. History 1 & 2)
- Math.....3 units(Algebra 1,2, Geometry)
- Science.....2 units (must be LAB sciences)
- Foreign Language...2 units (must be of the same language)
- Electives.....3 units (any elective in the five academic areas listed above)

**Students are strongly encouraged to follow a rigorous academic program, including foreign (world) language, mathematics and science, for all four years of high school.**