

NJ STATE MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS BY CONTENT AREA

English Language Arts Literacy	20 Credits aligned to grade nine through 12 standards
Mathematics	15 credits including algebra 1 and geometry or the content equivalent and a third year of math that builds on the concepts and skills of algebra and geometry and prepares students for college and 21 st century careers
Science	15 credits including at least five credits in laboratory biology/life science or the content equivalent and one additional laboratory/inquiry-based science course which shall include chemistry, environmental science, or physics; and a third laboratory /inquiry-based science course
Social Studies	15 credits including satisfaction of N.J.S.A. 18A:35-1 and 2; five credits in world history; and the integration of civics, economics, geography and global content in all course offerings
Financial, Economic, Business and Entrepreneurial Literacy	2.5 credits
Health, Safety and Physical Education	3 ¾ credits in health, safety, and physical education during each year of enrollment, distributed as 150 minutes per week, as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:35-5, 7 and 8
Visual and Performing Arts	5 credits
World Languages	5 credits or student demonstration of proficiency
Technological Literacy	Consistent with the Core Curriculum Content Standards, integrated throughout the curriculum
21st Century Life and Careers, or Career-Technical Education	5 Credits

CREDIT HOURS FOR WOHS

In order to qualify for a West Orange High School diploma, a student must have completed the Program of Study appropriate to the student's needs and abilities, in grades 9 through 12, and must have earned the required credits for graduation. **West Orange High School students are required to earn a minimum of 135 credits.** Upon successful completion, five credit hours shall be awarded for each course taken five days a week for an entire academic year; two and one-half credit hours shall be awarded for each course taken five days a week for one-half (one semester) of an academic year.

