

**GRADUATION/PROMOTION POLICY
RUTHERFORD HIGH SCHOOL**

The Board of Education requires that each pupil meet the minimum standards for promotion, for graduation, and for a state-endorsed diploma. The goal is to prepare students for success in post-secondary degree programs, careers, and civic life in the 21st century.

Accordingly, the requirements shall include:

A. Course and credit requirements for all students entering grade 9:

LANGUAGE ARTS LITERACY	20 credits	Aligned to grade 9 through 12 standards
MATHEMATICS	20 credits	Including Algebra I, Geometry, 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 an additional laboratory/inquiry-based science course including 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 AND ENTREPRENEURIAL LITERACY	2.5 credits	
HEALTH, SAFETY, AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION		3 credits in Physical Education and 1 credit in health and safety 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	
TECHNOLOGICAL LITERACY		Consistent with the Core Curriculum Content Standards, integrated throughout the curriculum
21ST CENTURY LIFE AND CAREERS, OR CAREER – TECHNICAL EDUCATION	5 credits	
ELECTIVES	22.5 additional elective credits	
TOTAL CREDITS	130	

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- B. Students must carry a minimum of 35 credits and a maximum of 40 credits each year except those students who have returned for their fifth year after failing to meet the graduation requirements during the normal four year sequence.
- C. Students must pass the mandated state assessments or meet the alternate requirements as outlined in the N.J. Administrative Code.
- D. Students may not "double up" on any more than one previously failed subject in any given school year.
- E. A student receiving three quarter grades of "F" - one of which results in a final failure may receive credit in summer school if the course is taken for new credit (120 hours) One semester courses are not affected by this section of the policy.
- F. Credits from an approved summer school or evening school will be accepted for credit recovery provided prior approval for attending said school was received from the high school guidance department. Online course credit for credit recovery will be accepted provided it is taken for a course previously failed and prior approval was received from the high school guidance department.
- G. On-line, distance learning and correspondence courses are not accepted for credit as a new course except when recommended/approved by the firector of guidance or principal.
- H. Students who fail to meet all graduation requirements are ineligible for a high school diploma and may not participate in the graduation ceremony.
- I. Credits needed for placement in designated grade level:
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| Grade 10 | 30 earned credits |
| Grade 11 | 60 earned credits |
| Grade 12 | Eligibility to meet all graduation requirements by June of the current school year. |

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Legal References: <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:4-25	Prescribing minimum courses of study for public schools; approval of courses of study
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7C-1	Commissioner of education to develop a program of standards and guidelines
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7C-2	Boards of education; establishment of standards
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7C-4.1	Operation recognition; purpose; eligibility; application procedure
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7C-5.1	Boards of education prohibited from excluding students from

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	graduation ceremony or from obtaining yearbook for inability to pay fees
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7F-46	Review, update of core curriculum content standards; Educational Adequacy Report
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:33-1	District to furnish suitable facilities; adoption of courses of study
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:35-1 <u>et seq.</u>	Curriculum and courses
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:36-17	Credit of seniors in active military and naval service, etc.
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6:30-3.7	Graduation
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:8-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Standards and assessment
	see particularly:
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:8-1.2,-2.1,-3.1, -3.3,-4.1, -4.2, -4.3, -5.1, -5.2	
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:14-3.7	Individualized education program
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:14-4.11	Graduation
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:15-1.11	Graduation requirements for limited English proficient Students
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23A-9.5	Commissioner to ensure achievement of the Core Curriculum Content Standards
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:30-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Evaluation of the performance of school districts
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-2.1	Definitions
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-12.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Annual reporting and planning requirement
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-13.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Programs and practices to support student achievement
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-14.1 <u>et seq.</u>	State and federally mandated programs and services

The Department of Education Website, <http://www.nj.gov/njded/assessment/>
(Lists the state assessment components)

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, PL. 107-110, 20 U.S.C.A. 6301 et seq.