

Graduation Requirements

A graduating pupil must earn a minimum of 120 credits. These credits must include:

1. Four credit years of English (20 credits)
2. Three credit years of Mathematics (15 credits)*
3. Three credit years of Social Studies (15 credits) including United States and New Jersey History as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:35-1 and 35-2 and further including one credit year of World History and Cultures
4. Three credit years of a Lab-Science including Life, Environmental, or Physical (15 credits)**
5. One credit year of World Language, as a local district requirement (5 credits)
6. One credit year of Physical Education, Health, and Safety for each year of enrollment, as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:35-5,7&8
7. One credit year of Visual and Performing Arts (5 credits)
8. One credit year of Career education and Consumer, Family, and Life Skills, or Vocational-Technical education (5 credits)
9. A half credit year in Financial, Economic, Business and Entrepreneurial Literacy (2.5 credits)

* Effective with the 2008-09 grade nine class, (**graduating Class of 2012**) each student will be required to earn five credits of Algebra-1 or its equivalent. Effective with the 2010-11 grade nine class, (**graduating Class of 2014**) each student will also be required to earn five credits of Geometry or its equivalent. Effective with the 2012-13 grade nine class, (**graduating Class of 2016**) and beyond, each student will also be required to earn 5 credits of math that builds on the concepts and skills of Algebra and Geometry as part of the 15 credit math requirement.

** Effective with the 2008-09 grade nine class, (**graduating Class of 2012**) each student will be required to earn at least five credits in a laboratory biology/life science or its equivalent. Effective with the 2010-11 grade nine class, (**graduating Class of 2014**) each student will also be required to earn five laboratory/inquiry-based credits in chemistry, environmental science, or physics. Effective with the 2012-13 grade nine class, (**graduating Class of 2016**) each student and beyond will also be required to earn one additional five credit laboratory/inquiry-based science course.

Please Note: Retroactive to and including the 2012-13 school year, the one credit year of Health, Family Life, and Substance Abuse, as a local district requirement is no longer a GEHRHSD graduation requirement for the class of 2015 and beyond.