

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Cherry Hill, New Jersey

POLICY 6146

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduation requirements shall be pursuant to NJSA 18A:7C-1 et. seq. and NJAC 6A: 8-5.1.

In addition, the Cherry Hill Board of Education has established the following requirements and standards for graduation.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

1. A minimum of 120 credits is required for graduation.
2. Each student shall complete as prerequisite for the awarding of a diploma:
 - a) At least 20 credits in language arts literacy;
 - b) At least 15 credits in mathematics; Algebra 1 is required for all students in the class of 2013 and for the class of 2014 Algebra 1 and Geometry.
 - c) At least 3 years of natural or physical science, two of which must be a lab science; biology must be one of the required courses.
 - d) At least 15 credits in social studies, which must include 5 credits in world history and 10 credits in US History;
 - e) At least 5 credits in health, safety and physical education during each year of enrollment, distributed as 150 minutes per week, as required by NJSA 18A:35-5,7 and 8;
 - f) At least 5 credits in visual and/or performing arts.
 - g) At least 5 credits in 21st century Life and Career Skills.
 - h) At least 5 credits in world languages.
 - i) Cross-content workplace readiness which may be satisfied through infusion into existing courses, course equivalents, or career education courses.
 - j) 2.5 credits in Financial Literacy for the class of 2014 and beyond.

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A minimum of fifteen (15) credits per semester and a minimum of thirty (30) credits per year. The principal may, for good reason, waive the minimum of thirty (30) credits per year.

3. A full year of United States History study in college (2 semester courses) may be used to substitute for five (5) credits of high school United States History. A full year of English study in college (2 semester courses) may be substituted for five (5) credits of high school English. Departmental approval is required to fulfill this requirement.
4. Each student shall attend school on each day it is in session, in accord with Board of Education Policies 5113, 5113.1.
5. Each student must demonstrate proficiency in all sections of the HSPA or AHSA process applicable to the class in which they are graduating. The applicable sections of the HSPA or AHSA process shall follow the schedule provided by the Department of Education pursuant to NJAC 6A:8-4, I(A) for the implementation of New Jersey's CORE CURRICULUM CONTENT STANDARDS.
6. In addition students must take and pass the end of course Algebra Assessment (Class of 2015 and beyond) and the end of course Biology Assessment (Class of 2014 and beyond).

<u>Legal References:</u>	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:4-25	<i>Prescribing minimum courses of study for public schools; approval of courses of study</i>
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7C-1	<i>Commissioner of education to develop a program of standards and guidelines</i>
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7C-2	<i>Boards of education; establishment of standards</i>
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7C-4.1	<i>Operation recognition; purpose; eligibility; application procedure</i>
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7C-5.1	<i>Boards of education prohibited from excluding students from graduation ceremony or from obtaining yearbook for inability to pay fees</i>
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7F-46	<i>Review, update of core curriculum content standards; Educational Adequacy Report</i>
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:33-1	<i>District to furnish suitable facilities; adoption of courses of study</i>
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:35-1 <i>et seq.</i>	<i>Curriculum and courses</i>
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:36-17	<i>Credit of seniors in active military and naval service, etc.</i>
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6:30-3.7	<i>Graduation</i>
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:8-1.1 <i>et seq.</i>	<i>Standards and assessment</i>
	<i>See particularly:</i>	
	<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	<i>Individualized education program</i>
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:14-4.11	<i>Graduation</i>
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:15-1.11	<i>Graduation requirements for limited English proficient Students</i>
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23A-9.5	<i>Commissioner to ensure achievement of the Core</i>

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<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:30-1.1 et seq.</u>	<i>Curriculum Content Standards</i>
<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:32-2.1</u>	<i>Evaluation of the performance of school districts</i>
<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:32-12.1 et seq.</u>	<i>Definitions</i>
<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:32-13.1 et seq.</u>	<i>Annual reporting and planning requirement</i>
<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:32-14.1 et seq.</u>	<i>Programs and practices to support student achievement</i>
	<i>State and federally mandated programs and services</i>

*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.

Related Procedures

- Procedure C-14: High School Rank in Class
- Procedure G-5: Graduation Requirements
- Procedure H-1: Honors and Advanced Placement Courses
- Procedure P-19: Physical Education Excuses

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