

**Update to the
Elizabeth Public School's
High School Graduation
Requirements (Policy 6146)
Effective September 1, 2020**



Parent Orientations

*November 24th:

9th Grade- 12:30pm-1:00pm

10th Grade- 1:00pm-1:30pm

11th Grade- 1:30pm-2:00pm

12th Grade- 2:00pm- 2:30pm

December 2nd:

9th Grade- 5:00pm-5:30pm

10th Grade- 5:30pm-6:00pm

11th Grade- 6:00pm-6:30pm

12th Grade- 6:30pm- 7:00pm

*Presentation will be recorded and available via the district website for viewing at a later time.



Student Orientations

All students will receive an orientation on the revised changes to the district graduation requirements from their School's Administrators and School Counselors between November 24th and December 2nd.



Graduation Requirement

Minimum Credits needed to graduate

Class of 2020 - 140 Credits

Class of 2021- 120 Credits

Class of 2022 - 120 Credits

Class of 2023 - 120 Credits

Class of 2024 - 120 Credits



Credit Requirements

Content Area	Number of Credits	Course Examples
Language Arts Literacy	20 Credits (unchanged)	English, English Honors, ESL, Advanced Placement (AP) English Literature
Mathematics	15 Credits (5 credits less)	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, higher mathematics
Social Studies	15 Credits (unchanged)	10 credits in history of the United States (per N.J.S.A 18A:35-1 and 2) 5 credits in World History
Science	15 Credits (5 credits less)	5+ in laboratory biology/life science 5 in an additional laboratory/inquiry-based science (i.e. chemistry, environmental science, physics) A third laboratory/inquiry-based science



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Content Area	Number of Credits	Course Examples
Financial Literacy	2.5 Credits (unchanged)	
Physical Education, Health, Safety	16 Credits (unchanged)	During each year of enrollment (per N.J.S.A 18A:35-5, 7, and 8)
Visual and Performing Arts	5 Credits (unchanged)	Drawing and Painting I, Chorus, Concert Band, Photography
21 st Century life and careers or career-technical education (CTE)	5 Credits (unchanged)	Music Technology, Commercial Photography, Automotive Technology
World Languages	10 Credits (unchanged)	Spanish, French, Italian
Electives	Credits vary	Guitar, Computer Science, AP Psychology



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- Five (5) additional credits in World Language (unchanged)
- Senior Project (unchanged)



Grade/Class Status by Credits

Grade	Class	Credits
Grade 9	Freshman	0-29 Credits
Grade 10	Sophomore	30-59 Credits
Grade 11	Junior	60-89 Credits
Grade 12	Senior	90+ Credits



Example Class Schedules by Grade Level

Grade 9
English I
Geometry / Algebra II
Environmental Science / Physics
World History
Physical Education / Health I
Elective / World Language I
Elective II (Art / CTE)
Lunch

Grade 10
English II
Algebra I Advanced / Algebra II
Chemistry / Biology
US History I
Physical Education / Health I
Elective I / World Language II
Elective II (Art / CTE)
Lunch

Grade 11
English III
Algebra II / Pre-Calculus / Calculus
Chemistry / Biology
US History II
Physical Education / Health I
Elective I / World Language III (EHS Only)
Lunch

Grade 12
English IV
Physical Education / Health IV
Financial Literacy
Elective I
Elective II
Lunch



Questions

- How do these changes impact a student's schedule?
- How do these changes impact College Preparedness or College Applications?
- What happens if I already have 120 credits and I am only a Junior?
- Can I still take additional years of Math and Science as an Elective?
- Can I still take Advanced Placement classes.



2020-2021 School Day (Optional)

- 7:30 AM – 2:18 PM
- Early Release for Grade 12 Students (Seniors) will be no earlier than Period 7 - Maximum of two (2) periods before end of the day
- Early Release for Grade 11 Students (Juniors) will be no earlier than Period 8 – Maximum of one (1) period before end of the day

