

# Graduation Requirements

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Subjects	Required Credits
English <sup>1</sup>	4
Math <sup>2</sup>	3
Science	2
American History	1
American Government & Civics <sup>3</sup>	0.5
PE/NJROTC/Band	3
Consumer Education	0.5
Health	0.5
Drivers Ed	0.5
Electives:	7
Minimum of the following:	
➤ Social Studies..... 1 Credit	
➤ Fine and Performing Arts, World Language, or Career & Technical Education..... 1 Credit	
➤ Reading <sup>4</sup> ..... up to 3 Credits	
Appropriate Illinois State mandated testing <sup>5</sup>	<b>Must be taken</b>
<b>Total Credits Needed to Graduate</b>	<b>22</b>

### Notes:

1. Students must complete 2 years of writing-intensive courses, one of which must be an English class; classes that satisfy this requirement are marked in the course descriptions.
2. Math credits must include 1 year of Algebra I and 1 year of a Geometry content course.
3. Per ILCS 5/27-22, all students enrolled in this course must take and pass the US Constitution Test.
4. Reading courses are offered in grades 9 – 11 at three levels (Strategic, College Prep, and Honors). Students who score at the 70<sup>th</sup> percentile or below on the MAP Reading or a SAT Suite (PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, PSAT-NMSQT, or SAT) equivalent score will be placed into a Reading course. Students who would benefit, must take and pass a Reading course each year. Students will be re-evaluated every year for placement into one of the three levels
5. Mandated state testing must be taken per Illinois School Code before graduation.

## TESTING

***All students are required to comply with all State of Illinois Testing Laws in order to graduate.*** The State of Illinois requires that all students be tested in English/reading, math, and science one time during high school in order to graduate. All high school students must take the SAT college-entrance exam on the state testing date in the spring of their junior year. The SAT assesses English, reading, and math. Additionally, students must take the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) during the year that they take Biology, usually their freshman year. The US Constitution Test is a graduation requirement. All students will take and must pass the US Constitution Test in their American Government & Civics class. While enrolled in Physical Education courses, students are required to complete FitnessGram testing. FitnessGram assesses flexibility, cardiovascular endurance, and muscular strength and endurance. Students will take this assessment twice each semester that they are enrolled in PE to measure student improvement in these areas.

## DRIVERS EDUCATION

The classroom portion of Drivers Education is required for graduation. Students can elect to take the driving portion of the course for an additional fee. Drivers Education is scheduled for students according to age. Freshmen are **NOT** eligible for Drivers Education. ***A student must have passed 8 classes in the previous 2 semesters to qualify for Drivers Education per Illinois law.***

## EARLY GRADUATION

Senior students who have completed all graduation requirements and have the minimum graduation credits may request early graduation, but they will not receive their diplomas until May. It is the responsibility of the students to notify their counselor of their intent to work towards early graduation.

## MINIMUM COURSE LOADS

All students are required to take six subjects per semester including physical education (NJROTC or Band may be substituted for PE). Students are exempt from taking PE during the semester they take Health or Drivers Education. Senior year students, who are on-track to meet all graduation requirements, may take five subjects during a semester and elect to have either early-release or late-arrival.

## SCHEDULE CHANGES

Students will receive their course requests for the following year in the spring. They will be given a window of time to request changes. There will be no automatic changes once this window has closed. Any changes after this time would be at the discretion of the administration, the counseling staff, and the academic department chair. By state law, there can be absolutely no course change after the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the semester.