

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to earn a South Plainfield High School Diploma, a student must successfully complete 120 credits in accordance with both state and district mandates.

Required Course	Credit Requirement	*Recommended
4 years of English	20	4 years
2 years of U.S. History	10	2 years
1 year of World History	5	1 year
3 years of Mathematics (including Algebra 1 and Geometry and a third year of math that builds upon the concepts and skills of algebra and geometry)	15	4 years*
3 years of Science (including Lab Biology, Lab Chemistry and/or Physics and/or Environmental Science; plus a third year lab/inquiry based science)	15	4 years*
World Language	5	2-4 years
Physical Education/Health	20	4 years
21 st Century Life and Careers, or Career Technology Education	5	1-3 years*
Visual and Performing Arts	5	1-3 years*
Financial Literacy, Economic and Entrepreneurial Literacy	2.5	½ year

****Recommended courses will vary depending on each individual student's desired course of study and post-secondary choices.***

In addition to meeting state course requirements, students must (1) demonstrate proficiency on the **PARCC**, state mandated test of proficiency, or subject specific state exams (see chart next page) and (2) comply with the state and district attendance policy.

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING GRADUATION

Students must meet the following criteria in order to graduate from South Plainfield High School.

1. Each student must successfully complete a minimum of 120 credits.
2. Students must achieve proficiency on a state mandated assessment required for graduation.
3. Students must adhere to the South Plainfield High School attendance policy.
4. Students must carry a minimum of 30 credits per year.
5. Students must meet the clearly delineated minimum proficiency established for each course.

NJDOE PASSING ASSESSMENT SCORES FOR GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

English Language Arts	Mathematics
PARCC ELA Grade 9 ≥ 750 (Level 4) <i>or</i>	PARCC Algebra I ≥ 750 (Level 4) <i>or</i>
PARCC ELA Grade 10 ≥ 750 (Level 4) <i>or</i>	PARCC Geometry ≥ 725 (Level 3) <i>or</i>
PARCC ELA Grade 11 ≥ 725 (Level 3) <i>or</i>	PARCC Algebra II ≥ 725 (Level 3) <i>or</i>
Prior to 3/1/16 SAT Critical Reading ≥ 400 <i>or</i>	Prior to 3/1/16 SAT Math ≥ 400 <i>or</i>
3/1/16 or later SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section ≥ 450 OR SAT Reading Test ≥ 22	3/1/16 or later SAT Math Section ≥ 440 OR SAT Math Test ≥ 22
ACT Reading or ACT PLAN Reading ≥ 16 <i>or</i>	ACT or ACT PLAN Math ≥ 16 <i>or</i>
Accuplacer Write Placer ≥ 6 <i>or</i>	Accuplacer Elementary Algebra ≥ 76 <i>or</i>
Accuplacer Write Placer ESL ≥ 4 <i>or</i>	
PSAT10 Reading or PSAT-NMSQT Reading ** = 40 <i>or</i>	PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math** ≥ 40 <i>or</i>
PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading*** ≥ 22 <i>or</i>	PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math*** ≥ 22 <i>or</i>
ACT Aspire Reading ≥ 422 <i>or</i>	ACT Aspire Math ≥ 422 <i>or</i>
ASVAB-AFQT Composite ≥ 31 <i>or</i>	ASVAB-AFQT Composite ≥ 31 <i>or</i>
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Note: ** PSAT taken prior to October 2015. ***PSAT taken after October 2015. The College Board will establish new “threshold scores” in May 2016 for the new SAT (still pending as of this writing).

Class of 2019	
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)	MATHEMATICS
PARCC ELA Grade 9 <i>or</i>	PARCC Algebra I <i>or</i>
PARCC ELA Grade 10 <i>or</i>	PARCC Geometry <i>or</i>
PARCC ELA Grade 11 <i>or</i>	PARCC Algebra II <i>or</i>
SAT Critical Reading (taken before 3/1/16) <i>or</i>	SAT Math (taken before 3/1/16) <i>or</i>
SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section (taken 3/1/16 or later) <i>or</i>	SAT Math Section (taken 3/1/16 or later) <i>or</i>
SAT Reading Test (taken 3/1/16 or later) <i>or</i>	SAT Math Test (taken 3/1/16 or later) <i>or</i>
ACT Reading or ACT PLAN Reading * <i>or</i>	ACT or ACT PLAN * Math <i>or</i>
Accuplacer WritePlacer <i>or</i>	Accuplacer Elementary Algebra <i>or</i>
Accuplacer WritePlacer ESL <i>or</i>	PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math (taken before 10/1/15) <i>or</i>
PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading (taken before 10/1/15) <i>or</i>	PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math (taken 10/1/15 or later) <i>or</i>
PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMQT Reading (taken 10/1/15 or later) <i>or</i>	ACT Aspire Math* <i>or</i>
ACT Aspire Reading* <i>or</i>	ASVAB-AFQT Composite <i>or</i>
ASVAB-AFQT Composite <i>or</i>	Meet the criteria of the NJDOE

Class of 2020	
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)	MATHEMATICS
PARCC ELA Grade 9 <i>(must take if eligible*) and</i>	PARCC Algebra I <i>(must take if eligible*) and</i>
PARCC ELA Grade 10 <i>(must take if eligible*) and</i>	PARCC Geometry <i>(must take if eligible*) and</i>
PARCC ELA Grade 11 <i>(must take if eligible*)</i>	PARCC Algebra II <i>(must take if eligible*)</i>
<i>If passing score is not met on at least one of the three, then the student can use the following</i>	<i>If passing score is not met on at least one of the three, then the student can use the following</i>
SAT Reading <i>or</i>	SAT Math <i>or</i>
ACT Reading or ACT PLAN Reading** <i>or</i>	ACT or ACT PLAN Math** <i>or</i>
Accuplacer WritePlacer <i>or</i>	Accuplacer Elementary Algebra <i>or</i>
Accuplacer WritePlacer ESL <i>or</i>	PSAT 10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math <i>or</i>
PSAT 10 reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading <i>or</i>	ACT Aspire Math** <i>or</i>
ACT Aspire Reading ** <i>or</i>	ASVAB-AFQT Composite <i>or</i>
ASVAB-AFQT Composite <i>or</i>	
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Class of 2021 and BEYOND	
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)	MATHEMATICS
PARCC ELA Grade 10 (must take and pass)	PARCC Algebra I (must take and pass)
If passing score is not met on PARCC ELA Grade 10, then the student must have taken	If passing score is not met on PARCC Algebra I, then the student must have taken
PARCC ELA Grade 9 and	PARCC Algebra I and
PARCC ELA Grade 10 and	PARCC Geometry and
PARCC ELA Grade 11 before they can	PARCC Algebra II (if eligible*) before they can
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