

$$66 + 20 = 86$$

REQUIRED CREDITS
ELECTIVE CREDITS
TOTAL CREDITS

Graduation Credit Requirements for College and Career Readiness (Classes of 2022-2024)

GRADUATION CREDITS REQUIRED

By Minnesota Department of Education and Saint Paul Public Schools

English Language Arts	16 credits
4 credits per year x 4 years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 year of English 9 • 1 year of English 10 • 1 year of English 11 • 1 year of English 12 	
Social Studies	16 credits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Year of World History • 1 Year of Human Geography • 1 Year of U.S. History • 1 Semester of Government • 1 Semester of Economics 	
Math	12 credits
4 credits per year x 3 years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 full years of mathematics, to include content from Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 or beyond 	
Science	12 credits
4 credits per year x 3 years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Year of Science • 1 Year of Biology • 1 Year of Chemistry or Physics 	
Arts	4 total credits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Semesters of Performing or Visual Arts 	
Physical Education	2 total credits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Semester of Physical Education 	
Health	2 total credits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Semester of Health, Ind & Community 	
Career & Technical Education	2 total credits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Semester of a Career and Technical Education course 	
Electives	20 total credits over 4 years

RECOMMENDED ELECTIVE CREDITS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

Math

4 credits

4 credits x 1 year

Additional coursework in math is encouraged and required for many colleges and career training programs.

Science

4 credits

4 credits x 1 year

Additional coursework in science is encouraged and required for many colleges and career training programs.

Indigenous or World Language

8 credits

4 credits x 2 years OR

Achievement of the World Language Proficiency Certificate or the Seal of Biliteracy (Gold or Platinum)

There is no MDE requirement for Indigenous or world language, however, many colleges require at least two years of an Indigenous or world language.

ASSESSMENT

According to the Minnesota Department of Education (January 18, 2018), "Districts have a number of requirements to fulfill for students' career and college planning for students first enrolled in grade eight in 2012-13 and later. This includes offering students in grades 11 and 12 an opportunity to participate in a nationally recognized college entrance exam (ACT or SAT) on a school day." SPPS currently offers a school day ACT in the spring of each school year.