

$$66 + 20 = 86$$

REQUIRED CREDITS
ELECTIVE CREDITS
TOTAL CREDITS

# Graduation Credit Requirements for College and Career Readiness (Starting with the Class of 2025)

## GRADUATION CREDITS REQUIRED

By Minnesota Department of Education and Saint Paul Public Schools

<b>English Language Arts</b>	<b>16 credits</b>
<b>4 credits per year x 4 years</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 year of English 9</li> <li>• 1 year of English 10</li> <li>• 1 year of English 11</li> <li>• 1 year of English 12</li> </ul>	
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>14 credits</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Year of World History</li> <li>• 1 Semester of Human Geography</li> <li>• 1 Year of U.S. History</li> <li>• 1 Semester of Government</li> <li>• 1 Semester of Economics</li> </ul>	
<b>Math</b>	<b>12 credits</b>
<b>4 credits per year x 3 years</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 full years of mathematics, to include content from Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 or beyond</li> </ul>	
<b>Science</b>	<b>12 credits</b>
<b>4 credits per year x 3 years</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Year of Science</li> <li>• 1 Year of Biology</li> <li>• 1 Year of Chemistry or Physics</li> </ul>	
<b>Arts</b>	<b>4 total credits</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Semesters of Performing or Visual Arts</li> </ul>	
<b>Physical Education</b>	<b>2 total credits</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Semester of Physical Education</li> </ul>	
<b>Health</b>	<b>2 total credits</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Semester of Health, Ind &amp; Community</li> </ul>	
<b>Career &amp; Technical Education</b>	<b>2 total credits</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Semester of a Career and Technical Education course</li> </ul>	
<b>Critical Ethnic Studies</b>	<b>2 total credits</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Semester of Critical Ethnic Studies</li> </ul>	
<b>Electives</b>	<b>20 total credits over 4 years</b>

## 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.