

Saint Paul Public Schools
Graduation Credits for College and Career Readiness

7 Period Day Schedule
Total Required Graduation Credits: 94 Credits

Graduation Credits Required by Minnesota Department of Education and Saint Paul Public Schools		
English Language Arts	16	4 credits per year x 4 years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 Year of English 9 ● 1 Year of English 10 ● 1 Years of English 11 ● 1 Year of English 12
Social Studies	16	4 credits per year x 4 years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 Year of World History ● 1 Year of Human Geography ● 1 Year of US History ● 1 Semester of Economics ● 1 Semester of Government
Math	12	4 credits per year x 3 years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 Year of Algebra 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1 Year of Math beyond Algebra 2 may be substituted for Algebra 1 requirements if Intermediate Algebra was taken in middle school. ● 1 Year of Geometry ● 1 Year of Algebra 2
Science	12	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	4 credits total <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 Semesters of Performing or Visual Arts
Physical Education	2	2 credits total <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 Semester of Physical Education 9 or 10
Health	2	2 credits total <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 Semester of Health, Ind & Community
Career & Technical Education	2	2 credits total <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 Semester of Agriculture, Business, Family Consumer Science or Technology
Electives	28	28 credits over four years (7 Period Day Schedule)
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Recommended Elective Credits for College and Career Readiness

Math	4	4 credits x 1 year Additional coursework in math is encouraged and required for many colleges and career training programs.
Science	4	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	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.

