

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

(For the Class of 2022 and Beyond)

The following are the **minimum graduation requirements** necessary to receive a Kittatinny Regional High School diploma as deemed by the Kittatinny Board of Education and the State of New Jersey.

1. A student must complete a minimum of 140 credits.

- A full year course equals 5 credits and a half year course equals 2.5 credits.

Exceptions:

- A full year science lab course equals 6 credits.
- A full year Elective class or Physical Education class will have one 1 credit deducted if a science lab is taken during that period since the class will be missed 1 day per week.
- A failed course equals zero credit and no credit given for study hall.

2. A student must pass the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) or pending grade level an equivalent state approved testing.

3. A student must pass 4 years of Physical Education and Health.

4. A student must pass all required Academic Courses:

- 4 courses in English. (20 Credits)
- 3 courses in Mathematics including Algebra I, Geometry & at least one additional year of rigorous Math. (15 Credits)
- 3 courses in lab based Science including Biology, Chemistry and Physics or content equivalent course(s). (15 Credits)
- 3 courses in Social Studies including 1 World History class and 2 American History classes. (15 Credits)
- 1 course in World Language. (5 credits)

5. A student must pass the equivalent of 5 full year elective courses in addition to a course in Personal Financial Management. Elective courses must include the following:

- The equivalent of 1 full year elective course in the area of "Visual and Performing Arts" which includes courses in the following areas: **Drama, Video Production, Digital Photography, Band, Chorus, Music Theory or Art. (5 Credits)**
- The equivalent of 1 full year elective course in the area of "21st Century Life & Careers" which includes courses in the following areas: **Business, Computer Science, Engineering, Robotics, Technology, Structured Learning Environment (SLE), Video, Woodshop, Clothing, STEAM or Digital Photography. (5 Credits)**
- 1 Elective course in the area of "Financial Literacy" which includes courses in the following area: **Personal Financial Management. (2.5 Credits)**
- Additionally, the equivalent of 3 full year elective courses in the "Visual and Performing Arts" and/or "21st Century Life & Careers" areas. **(15 Credits)**
- Technology is integrated throughout all courses.

6. Additional Courses:

- Students are advised to take additional academic or elective classes if their schedule permits.
- Keep in mind any additional **academic courses** out of the English, Enrichment, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies or World Language Departments **do not count** as part of the "**required 6 elective classes**" other than Drama. Drama can count as an English class or a Visual and Performing Arts class, **but not both**. Classes such as Sociology, Creative Writing, Anthropology, Environmental Science, etc. are academic electives and **do not meet** the graduation requirement concerning "**required electives**."

7. Additional Requirements:

- A student must register yearly for a minimum of **35 credits**.
- A student must have a minimum of four academic classes. This excludes senior SLE students who are required to take three academic classes.
- A student cannot have more than 9 unexcused absences in a ½ year course or 18 unexcused absences in a full year course per year. Loss of credit due to excessive absences can keep a student from graduating on-time.