

## Northern Valley Regional High School District Graduation Requirements

In accordance with the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), Northern Valley Regional High School District (NVRHSD) requires that each student satisfactorily completes a minimum of twenty-four (24) credits for graduation, including:

- Four courses in English Language Arts (ELA) (typically English 1, 2, 3 and 4);
- One course each in U.S. History 1, US History 2 and World History/Cultures;
- Three sequential courses in Mathematics (beginning with Algebra at a minimum);
- Three laboratory/inquiry-based courses in Science, including Biology;
- One course in World Language;
- One course aligned with Career Education, Consumer, Family, and Life Skills standards;
- One course aligned with Visual and Performing Arts standards;
- Health, Physical Education and/or Driver Ed during each year in attendance;
- One half-year course aligned with Financial, Economic, Business and Entrepreneurial Literacy (Personal Financial Literacy or 'PFL') standards;
  
- Career Exploration, infused into the existing subject areas over the student's four-year program;
- Technological Literacy, consistent with the Core Curriculum Content Standards, integrated throughout the curriculum.

In addition, students must:

- participate in state-mandated assessments, including PARCC and New Jersey Biology Competency Test (NJBCT);
- demonstrate mastery in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics skills as determined by the NJDOE and measured through the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Assessments (or NJDOE-defined equivalent).

### Notes:

NVRHSD requires that students pursue a minimum of seven courses each year.

Generally, courses meeting for one school year are equivalent to one credit. Courses meeting for one semester are equivalent to one-half credit. Courses meeting for one marking period are equivalent to one-quarter credit.

Vocational education and cooperative work experience programs are generally equal to three credits.

Most NVRHSD students successfully complete more than the NJDOE minimum.

If required, students must enroll in a prescribed remediation program and complete assessments to fulfill standards established by the NJDOE.