



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

Keeping Pace for Graduation: Suggested Credit Totals by Grade

As of August 1, 2018

This document describes the credit totals used in the District's internal (QlikBAM) dashboards. These credit totals are used to determine whether students are on track in QlikBAM, and for 9th Grade On Track metrics on the forthcoming College & Career page on the District's School Profiles.

How to read: Each cell shows the number of credits the student should have at the **end** of the corresponding grade. For example, at the end of the school year, in order to be considered on track, a 9th grader needs one credit each in English, math, science, and social studies, and one additional credit, for a total of five credits.

Note: Credit totals shown for individual subject areas are not necessary for promotion at the end of 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. Only the credit totals shown in the Total Credits line are necessary. Credit totals in those columns are meant to keep students on track to fulfilling the graduation requirements by the end of 12th grade. Official promotion requirements can be found [in this document](#).

Starting high school off right is one of the most important factors in whether or not a student will have a successful high school career. [Click here](#) to read more about the importance of 9th Grade On Track.

Table 1. Official and Suggested Credit Totals by Grade Level

	9 th Grade On Track	10 th Grade Suggested Credit Totals	11 th Grade Suggested Credit Totals	12 th Grade (Graduation) Requirements
English	1	2	3	4
Math	1	2	3	3
Science	1	2	3	3
Social Studies	1	2	3	4
<i>Art/Humanities</i>				2
Other Grad Requirements	0 total	1.5 total	3.5 total	2
<i>World Language</i>				2
<i>Physical Education</i>				1
<i>Health Education</i>				0.5
Additional Credits	1	1.5	2	4
Total Credits	5	11	17.5	23.5

Notes

1. By graduation, at least one credit in Social Studies must be an African American history course
2. Students must also complete an interdisciplinary project in order to graduate.
3. Additional credits can be in any subject, including subjects in which the requirement is already fulfilled. For example, a 9th grader with one credit each in English, math, and science, and two credits in social studies is on track.