

## BHP GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

It is the policy of the Board to provide learning opportunities and programs that are appropriate to the abilities, needs, and interests of the pupils in order that they may successfully complete an appropriate course of studies leading to graduation. The Board shall award the same high school diploma regardless of the program of studies completed by the pupils. A diploma, therefore, represents only the accumulation of credits; it is not a guarantee to acceptance into schools to further one's education.

It is necessary that a student's program comply with the laws of the State of New Jersey, with the requirements established by the Board of Education, and with sound principles of education before a diploma will be granted. In order to graduate a pupil must:

- I. Pass the State Mandated Tests
  - a. NJSLA or other state authorized test for the classes of 2022 & 2023
- II. Earn a total of 125 credits
- III. Pass the following courses:
  - Physical Education each semester enrolled
  - 4 years of Health
  - 4 years of English
  - 1 year of World History/Cultures
  - 2 years of U.S. History
  - 3 years of Math
  - 3 years of Laboratory Science
  - 1 year of World Language
  - 1 year of Visual/Performing Arts
  - 1 year of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Life & Careers, or Career-Technical Education
  - Financial, Business, & Economic Literacy
- IV. Meet the district attendance policy #5113
- V. Complete the English Research Paper requirement.

### Course Selection

Pupils shall be encouraged to carry a total of seven subjects each year (totaling 35 credits) plus Physical Education and Health; however only a total of 31.25 credits per year, including Physical Education and Health, shall be mandated for students whose chances for overall success may be jeopardized by carrying more than 31.25 credits. Limited facilities may prohibit change of schedules because class sections are closed when maximum enrollment is reached.

### **CREDIT REQUIREMENTS ...**

30 to Grade 10  
60 to Grade 11  
90 to Grade 12  
125 to Graduate

A student earns five credits for each full year class offered daily that is successfully completed. A freshman, therefore, needs to pass at least six classes in order to earn the thirty credits necessary for promotion. A senior who enters grade 12 with 90 credits would need to pass 8 classes.