

New Jersey Department of Education



Bridge Year Pilot Program State Board of Education Meeting

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Office of Career Readiness





Bridge Year Purpose



Provides students in the graduating classes of 2021 and 2022 with the opportunity to defer graduation from high school for one year.



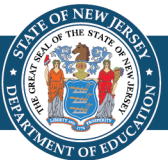


Host High School



The Host High School is the high school that a student who pursues a bridge year attended as a junior. Each Host High School must:

- Provide eligible students with the opportunity to pursue a bridge year;
- Designates a staff member as a Bridge Year Liaison; and
- Permit a student pursuing a bridge year to participate in graduation ceremonies with the graduating class of 2021 or 2022, as applicable, or at the conclusion of the student's bridge year.





Student Eligibility



To be eligible to participate, a student must:

- Meet all applicable State and local high school graduation requirements by the end of senior year of high school.
- Remain enrolled in their host high school.
- Enter the bridge year during the academic year immediately following their senior year of high school. Students cannot skip the fall semester of their bridge year since the academic year begins in the fall.





Student Participation



- A student who participates in the bridge year program is permitted to participate in graduation ceremonies with his or her senior class or at the conclusion of the student's bridge year.
- Students that complete all components will receive their diploma at the conclusion of the bridge year program.
- If a student initially decides to pursue a bridge year but does not complete the fall or spring semester, transcripts and other records from the host high school and county college are released to the student.





Credit Requirements



In each semester of the bridge year, participating students must take between nine and 12 credits.

- During the fall semester, those credits may be host high school credits, credits from the county college of the county in which the host high school is located, or a combination thereof.
- In the spring semester, participating students must receive all credits from the county college of the county in which the host high school is located.





Thank You!



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