

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS / STANDARDS OF PROFICIENCY

Students shall receive a diploma of graduation from a comprehensive high school upon completion of the prescribed course of study and upon meeting the standards of proficiency established by the Board of Education.

Graduation Requirements

The Board of Education and the administration have developed academic programs to meet the needs of students with varying abilities and achievement levels. Each student is expected to meet some basic requirements common to all, plus other requirements unique to the student’s course of study and ability level.

The prescribed course of study for students in grades 9 through 12 shall include (Education Code 51225.3):

A. Credit Requirements by Department

<u>Departmental Area</u>	<u>Minimum Credits Required</u>
English-Language Arts	40 Credits Required
Mathematics	30 Credits Required
Science	30 Credits Required
Social Science	30 Credits Required
Fine Arts / Foreign Language / CTE	10 Credits Required
Physical Education	20 Credits Required
High School Focus/Health	5 Credits Required
Elective Credits	65 Credits Required
 TOTAL FOR GRADUATION	 230 Credits Required

B. Specific Course Requirements

<u>Departmental Area</u>	<u>Specific Course Requirement</u>
Mathematics	Algebra I (or Integrated I)
Science:	Physical Science
Life Science	
Social Science:	World History or AP European History
	American History
	Government
	Economics
Other:	High School Focus/Health

To be counted towards meeting graduation requirements, a course in career technical education shall be aligned to the career technical model curriculum standards and framework adopted by the State.

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Foreign exchange students may receive honorary diplomas (Education Code 51225.5).

The Board of Education recognizes that the prescribed course of study may not accommodate the needs of all students. The Board, with the active involvement of parents/guardians, teachers, students and administrators shall adopt alternative means for the completion of prescribed courses, in accordance with the law.

1. Practical demonstration of skills and competencies.
2. Work experience or other outside school experience.
3. Career Technical Education classes offered in high school.
4. Courses offered by regional occupational centers or programs.
5. Interdisciplinary study.
6. Independent study.
7. Credit earned at a post secondary institution.

Students shall follow a sequenced course of study. Courses successfully completed in grades 7 or 8 shall not be repeated for graduation credit in grades 9-12.

The Superintendent or designee shall exempt or waive specific course requirements for foster youth or children of military families in accordance with Education Code 51225.3 and 49701.

C. California High School Exit Exam

Effective with the graduating class of 2006, students shall pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) in language arts and mathematics as a condition of high school graduation. (Board Policy 6146.19d).

Supplemental instruction shall be offered to any student who does not demonstrate sufficient progress toward passing the exit examination.

D. Certificate of Completion

Students who have passed all the District's course requirements by the end of their senior year but are unable to pass both sections of the high school exit examination shall receive a certificate of completion.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board regarding the number of students receiving a certificate of completion, and the resources that have been offered to such students.

E. Graduation Ceremonies and Activities

Students who receive a certificate of completion by meeting all the District's course requirements but do not pass both sections of the high school exit examination shall be eligible to participate in any graduation ceremony and any school activity related to graduation.

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F. Court-ordered or Legislative Mandates Regarding CAHSEE Conditions of Graduation

The Board of Education shall comply with any court ordered or legislative mandates in effect on the day of graduation related to students passing the California High School Exit Exam in language arts and mathematics as a condition of high school graduation.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

37252 Supplemental instructional programs

48701 Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

48430 Continuation education schools and classes

48645.5 Acceptance of course work

48980 Notification of parent/guardian

51224 Skills and knowledge required for adult life

51224.5 Algebra instruction

51225.3 Requirements for graduation

51225.5 Honorary diplomas; foreign exchange students

51228 Graduation requirements

51240-51246 Exemptions from requirements

51410-51412 Diplomas

51420-51427 High school equivalency certificates

51450-51455 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

56390-56392 Recognition for educational achievement, special education

60850-60859 High school exit exam

66204 Certification of high school courses as meeting university admissions criteria

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

1600-1651 Graduation of pupils from grade 12 and credit toward graduation

Policy

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