

Instruction

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Governing Board desires to prepare all students to obtain a high school diploma so that they can take advantage of opportunities for postsecondary education and employment.

- (cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)
- (cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)
- (cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
- (cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)
- (cf. 6146.3 - Reciprocity of Academic Credit)

Course Requirements

To obtain a high school diploma, students shall complete at least the following courses in grades 9-12, with each course being one year unless otherwise specified:

	<u>Credits</u>
1. English	40
(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)	
2. Mathematics	20
At least one mathematics course, or a combination of the two mathematics courses, shall meet or exceed state academic content standards for Algebra I or Mathematics I. Completion of such coursework prior to grade 9 shall satisfy the Algebra I or Mathematics I requirement, but shall not exempt a student from the requirement to complete two mathematics courses in grades 9-12. (Education Code 51224.5)	
(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction) (cf. 6152.1 - Placement in Mathematics Courses)	
3. Science, including biological and physical sciences	20
(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)	
4. Social studies, including United States history and geography; World history, culture and geography; a one-semester course in American government and civics; and a one-semester course in Economics	35
(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education) (cf. 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)	

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (continued)

- | | |
|--|----|
| 5. Visual or performing arts, foreign language, including American Sign Language, or career technical education (CTE) (Education Code 51225.3) | 10 |
|--|----|

* To meet the UC/CSU a-g, counselors are expected to schedule the vast majority of students in both art and World Languages over their four years; however in recognition of special circumstances, a CTE or art course could be substituted in lieu of a Foreign Language with approval of the Superintendent or designee.

To be counted towards meeting graduation requirements, a CTE course shall be aligned to the CTE model curriculum standards and framework adopted by the State Board of Education.

(cf. 6142.2 - World/Foreign Language Instruction)
 (cf. 6142.6 - Visual and Performing Arts Education)
 (cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)
 (cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)

- | | |
|---|----|
| 6. Physical education, unless the student has been otherwise exempted pursuant to other sections of the Education Code (Education Code 51225.3) | 20 |
|---|----|

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)
 (cf. 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)
 (cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)
 (cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

- | | |
|--|---|
| 7. Health, unless the Ed Code requirements are embedded in a different Board approved course | 5 |
|--|---|

Requires that the district include instruction in sexual harassment and violence, including, but not limited to, information on the affirmative consent standard pursuant to Education Code 67386. Also see AR 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction.

(cf. 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)
 (cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)
 (cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

- | | |
|---------------------|----|
| 8. Computer Studies | 10 |
| 9. Electives | 60 |

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| 10. Senior Project (optional by site with approval from Superintendent) | <u>Pass/Fail</u> |
|---|------------------|

Total	220
-------	-----

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (continued)

Because the prescribed course of study may not accommodate the needs of some students, the Board shall provide alternative means for the completion of prescribed courses in accordance with law.

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

(cf. 6146.2 - Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency)

(cf. 6146.4 - Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities)

Exemptions and Waivers

A foster youth, homeless student, former juvenile court school student, or child of a military family who transfers into the district any time after completing his/her second year of high school shall be required to complete all graduation requirements specified in Education Code 51225.3 but shall be exempt from any additional district-adopted graduation requirements, unless the Superintendent or designee makes a finding that the student is reasonably able to complete the requirements in time to graduate by the end of his/her fourth year of high school. Within 30 days of the transfer, any such student shall be notified of the availability of the exemption and whether he/she qualifies for it. (Education Code 51225.1)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

(cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)

(cf. 6173.3 - Education for Juvenile Court School Students)

Retroactive Diplomas

Any student who completed grade 12 in the 2003-04 through 2014-15 school year and met all applicable graduation requirements other than the passage of the high school exit examination shall be granted a high school diploma. (Education Code 51413)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

47612 Enrollment in charter school

48200 Compulsory attendance

48412 Certificate of proficiency

48430 Continuation education schools and classes

48645.5 Acceptance of coursework

48980 Required notification at beginning of term

49701 Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

51224 Skills and knowledge required for adult life

Legal Reference: (continued on next page)

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (continued)

Legal Reference: (continued)

- 51224.5 Algebra instruction
- 51225.1 Exemption from district graduation requirements
- 51225.2 Pupil in foster care defined; acceptance of coursework, credits, retaking of course
- 51225.3 High school graduation
- 51225.35 Mathematics course requirements; computer science
- 51225.36 Instruction in sexual harassment and violence; districts that require health education for graduation
- 51225.5 Honorary diplomas; foreign exchange students
- 51225.6 Compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- 51228 Graduation requirements
- 51240-51246 Exemptions from requirements
- 51250-51251 Assistance to military dependents
- 51410-51412 Diplomas
- 51420-51427 High school equivalency certificates
- 51430 Retroactive high school diplomas
- 51440 Retroactive high school diplomas
- EDUCATION CODE (continued)
- 51450-51455 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma
- 51745 Independent study restrictions
- 56390-56392 Recognition for educational achievement, special education
- 60851.5 Suspension of high school exit examination
- 60851.6 Retroactive diploma; completion of all graduation requirements except high school exit examination
- 66204 Certification of high school courses as meeting university admissions criteria
- 67386 Student safety; affirmative consent standard
- CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
- 1600-1651 Graduation of pupils from grade 12 and credit toward graduation
- 4600-4687 Uniform complaint procedures
- COURT DECISIONS
- O'Connell v. Superior Court (Valenzuela), (2006) 141 Cal.App.4th 1452

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

- CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
- California Department of Education, High School: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/g/hs>
- University of California, List of Approved a-g Courses:
<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/freshman/requirements>

8/19/92
2/9/94
1/14/98
(3/02 11/03) 11/04
Approved 9/14/05
(11/05 3/07) 11/07
4/9/08
6/17/09
6/22/16
3/8/17
4/11/18

Instruction

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for graduation and specified alternative means for completing the prescribed course of study shall be made available to students, parents/guardians, and the public. (Education Code 51225.3)

Students shall not be required to have resided within the district for any minimum length of time as a condition of high school graduation. (Education Code 51411)

If a student successfully completes the district's graduation requirements while attending a juvenile court school or nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency, the district shall issue the student a diploma from the school the student last attended. (Education Code 48645.5)

(cf. 5126 - Awards for Achievement)

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

(cf. 6145.6 - International Exchange)

(cf. 6146.2 - Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency)

7/22/92
(11/00 11/03) 11/04
Approved 9/14/05
(11/03 11/04) 11/07
4/9/08