

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Because graduation from high school provides students with opportunities for postsecondary education and/or employment, the Board of Education desires to prepare each student to obtain a diploma of high school graduation.

For graduation, a district high school student must earn 220 units during grades 9-12.

1. English - 40 units
2. Social Studies - 30 units, including:
 - a. 10 units of World History and Geography in grade 10.
 - b. 10 units of U.S History in grade 11.
 - c. 5 units of Government in grade 12.
 - d. 5 units of Economics in grade 12.
3. Mathematics - 20 units, including 10 units of Integrated Math I if two semesters of Integrated Math I were not successfully completed at the middle school.
4. Science - 20 units, including:
 - a. 10 units in Physical Science; or the year course of Environmental Science I-P, Electronics 1 and 2 (year course), or Agriculture, Physical Science-P; or one year of chemistry or one year of physics.
 - b. 10 units in Biology/Life Science; or the year course of Environmental Science II or Human Anatomy and Physiology-P; or one agriculture A course and one agriculture B course.
5. Fine Arts or Foreign Language or Career Technical Education (CTE) - 10 units
Fine Arts courses include all music, art, drama and photography classes and architectural Design.
6. Health - 5 unit (grade 9)
7. Physical Education - 20 units, including:
 - a. 10 units in grade 9
 - b. 10 units in grade 10-12

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Final marks through the eighth semester in grades 9-12 are used to compute overall grade point averages for the valedictorian and salutatorian. Final marks through the seventh semester are used to determine the gold tassel award.

Certificate of Credit Completion

Students who have met all graduation requirements will be eligible for a Certificate of Credit Completion.

Certificate of Completion

Instead of a high school diploma, a student with disabilities may be awarded a Certificate of Completion.

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

Legal Reference

EDUCATION CODE

37252 Supplemental instructional programs

48430 Continuation education schools and classes

48645.5 Acceptance of coursework

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

51241-51246 Exemptions from requirements

51410-51412 Diplomas

51420-51427 High school equivalency certificates

51450-51455 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

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

Management Resources:

CSBA POLICY ADVISORIES

Algebra I Requirement: Eligibility for High School Diplomas, March 2004

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

Policy

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