

## High School Graduation Requirements

BP 6146.1

### Instruction

The Governing Board desires to prepare all students to obtain a high school diploma to enable them to take advantage of opportunities for postsecondary education and/or employment.

(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)

(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)

(cf. 5149 - At-Risk Students)

(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:

| <b>SUBJECT</b>               | <b>CREDIT</b>     | <b>DETAILS</b>  |
|------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| English                      | 40                | Four years of College Prep Classes  |
| Math                         | 20                | A course sequence through Geometry must be completed  |
| Science                      | 20                | 10 Units must be laboratory-based life science and 10 units must be laboratory-based physical science |
| Social Studies               | 40                | Geography, World, U.S., Government/Economics  |
| Fine Arts                    | 10                | Must be 10 units in the same class  |
| Foreign Language             | 10                | Must be 10 units in the same class  |
| Physical Education           | 20                |   |
| Technology                   | 10                |   |
| Electives                    | 100               |   |
| <b><u>TOTAL CREDITS:</u></b> | <b><u>270</u></b> |   |

Education Code 51224.5 provides that, as part of the mathematics requirement, students must complete coursework at least equivalent to state content standards for Algebra 1. Completion of algebra in grades 7-12 in less than two courses will apply toward satisfying the mathematics requirements; however, all students are required to take at least two years of mathematics in high school, completing a course sequence through Geometry.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)

(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)

(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)

(cf. 6142.93 - History-Social Science Instruction)

(cf. 6142.2 - World/Foreign Language Instruction)

(cf. 6142.6 - Visual and Performing Arts Education)  
 (cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education)

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.

### **ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

| <b>SUBJECT</b>                | <b>CREDITS</b> | <b>DETAILS</b>                         |
|-------------------------------|----------------|--|
| English                       | 40             | 4 courses in English                   |
| Math                          | 20             | including 10 credits Algebra 1         |
| Science                       | 20             | 2 courses science, Physical and Life   |
| World History                 | 10             | 1 course World History                 |
| U.S. History                  | 10             | 1 course U.S. History                  |
| Geography                     | 5              |  |
| Economics                     | 5              | 1 course Economics                     |
| Government                    | 5              | 1 course Government                    |
| Foreign Language or Fine Arts | 10             | 1 course Foreign Language or Fine Arts |
| Physical Education            | 20             | 2 courses Physical Education           |
| Technology                    | 10             |  |
| State Requirements            | 5              |  |
| Interpersonal/Career Guidance | 10             |  |
| Career Exploration Practicum  | 10             |  |
| Electives                     | 40             |  |

### **TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED: 220**

### **SIERRA HILLS INDEPENDENT STUDY HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS**

| <b>SUBJECT</b>                                 | <b>CREDITS</b> | <b>DETAILS</b>   |
|--|----------------|--|
| English  | 40             | 3 courses English                                      |
| Math   | 20             | 2 courses Math including 10 credits of Algebra         |
| Science  | 20             | 2 courses science, Physical and Life                   |
| World History                                  | 10             | 1 course World History                                 |
| U.S. History                                   | 10             | 1 course U.S. History                                  |
| Economics                                      | 5              | 1 course Economics                                     |
| Government                                     | 5              | 1 course Government                                    |
| Geography                                      | 5              |  |
| Technology                                     | 10             |  |
| State Requirements                             | 5              |  |
| Foreign Language or Visual/<br>Performing Arts | 10             | 1 course Foreign Language or<br>Visual/Performing Arts |
| Physical Education                             | 20             | 2 courses Physical Education                           |
| Electives                                      | 20             | 5 courses Electives                                    |

### **TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED: 180**

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)  
(cf. 6146.2 - Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency)  
(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)

#### High School Exit Examination

Beginning in the 2005-06 school year, each student completing grade 12 shall have successfully passed the state exit examination in language arts and mathematics as a condition of high school graduation. (Education Code 60851, 60859)

(cf. 6146.4 - Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities)  
(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)  
(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

Supplemental instruction shall be offered to any student in grade 7-12 who does not demonstrate "sufficient progress," as defined in BP 6179 - Supplemental Instruction, toward passing the exit exam. (Education Code 37252, 60851)

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)  
(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)  
(cf. 6177 - Summer School)  
(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

Students who have not passed one or both parts of the exit exam by the end of grade 12 shall have the opportunity to receive intensive instruction and services for up to two consecutive academic years after completion of grade 12 or until they have passed both parts of the exam, whichever comes first. (Education Code 37254)

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)  
(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)  
(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board regarding the number of students who have fulfilled all local and state graduation requirements except for the passage of the exit exam and the resources that have been offered to such students.

#### Certificates of Completion

Certificates of Completion will only be provided for students with severe handicaps who have met all applicable graduation requirements, whose IEP goals have been met and whose IEP's have had the certificate of completion listed as the educational outcome.

#### Retroactive Diplomas

The district may retroactively grant a high school diploma to a former student who was interned

by order of the federal government during World War II or who is an honorably discharged veteran of World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, provided that he/she was enrolled in a district school immediately preceding the internment or military service and he/she did not receive a diploma because his/her education was interrupted due to the internment or military service. (Education Code 51430)

The district also may retroactively grant a diploma to a deceased former student who satisfies the above conditions. The diploma shall be received by the deceased student's next of kin. (Education Code 51430)

In addition, the district may grant a diploma to a veteran who entered the military service of the United States while he/she was a district student in grade 12 and who had completed the first half of the work required for grade 12. (Education Code 51440)

#### Legal Reference:

##### EDUCATION CODE

35186 Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures  
 37252 Supplemental instructional programs  
 37254 Supplemental instruction based on failure to pass exit exam by end of grade 12  
 37254.1 Required student participation in supplemental instruction  
 47612 Enrollment in charter school  
 48200 Compulsory attendance  
 48412 Certificate of proficiency  
 48430 Continuation education schools and classes  
 48645.5 Acceptance of coursework  
 49701 Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children  
 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  
 51250-51251 Assistance to military dependents  
 51410-51412 Diplomas  
 51420-51427 High school equivalency certificates  
 51450-51455 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma  
 51745 Independent study restrictions  
 52378 Supplemental school counseling program  
 56390-56392 Recognition for educational achievement, special education  
 60850-60859 High school exit examination  
 66204 Certification of high school courses as meeting university admissions criteria

##### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

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

##### 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, California High School Exit Examination:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs>

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