

CVUSD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Board of Education 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.

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:

1. Four courses in English
2. Three courses in mathematics

Students shall meet or exceed state academic content standards for Algebra I (Integrated Mathematics I). Completion of such coursework prior to grade 9 shall satisfy the Algebra I (Integrated Mathematics I) requirement.

Students may be awarded up to one mathematics course credit for successful completion of an approved computer science course that is classified as a "Category C" course based on the "A-G" course requirements for college admission.

3. Two courses in science, including biological and physical sciences (Education Code 51225.3)
4. Three courses in 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 (Education Code 51225.3)
5. Two courses in visual or performing arts, foreign language, including American Sign Language, or Career Technical Education (CTE)

To be counted towards meeting graduation requirements, a CTE course must meet the UC/CSU "F" requirement and shall be aligned to the CTE model curriculum standards and framework adopted by the State Board of Education.

6. Two courses in physical education, unless the student has been otherwise exempted pursuant to other sections of the education code (Education Code 51225.3)

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.

Effective with the Graduating Class of 2019 and each class thereafter.

All students receiving a high school diploma from the District shall:

1. Achieve a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.0., and
2. Complete the course requirements as follows:

Subject	Units per Subject	Total Units per Subject
English/Reading		40 units
Mathematics:		30 units
Algebra I/Integrated Math I (if taken at the high school level)	10 units	
Other higher level math	20 units	
Physical Education		20 units
Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA)/Foreign Language		20 units*
*One VAPA course may be replaced with Career Technical Education		
Science:		20 units
Biological Science/Biology and The Living Earth	10 units	
Earth/Physical Science/Other Higher Level Science	10 units	
Social Science:		30 units
World History, Culture and Geography	10 units	
European History Advanced Placement-Or Human Geography Advanced Placement		
U.S. History and Geography	10 units	
Principles of American Democracy	5 units	
Economics or Consumer Economics	5 units	
Health Education		5 units
Electives		60 units
 Total Units of Credit		 225 units

Students who complete Algebra 1/Integrated Math I, with a grade of “C” or better in junior high school, shall be required to successfully complete only two years of mathematics (20 units) at the high school level in order to qualify for a diploma. Students who take Algebra I/Integrated Math I in junior high school will not receive high school graduation credit and shall be required to complete 225 total units of credit in grades 9 – 12.

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 Board of Education.

The Superintendent or designee shall exempt or waive specific course requirements for foster youth, homeless students, and children of military families in accordance with Education Code 51225.1 and 49701.

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