

Board Policy

High School Graduation Requirements

BP 6146.1

Instruction

The Board of Trustees desires to prepare all students to obtain a high school diploma to enable them to take advantage of opportunities for postsecondary education and 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:

1. Four courses in English (Education Code 51225.3)

(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)

2. Two courses in mathematics (Education Code 51225.3)

At least one mathematics course, or a combination of the two mathematics courses required for completion in grades 9-12, shall meet or exceed state academic content standards for Algebra I. (Education Code 51224.5)

Completion, prior to grade 9, of algebra coursework that meets or exceeds state academic content standards shall satisfy the algebra coursework requirement, but shall not exempt a student from the requirement to complete two mathematics courses in grades 9-12. (Education Code 51224.5)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)

3. Two courses in science, including biological (life) and physical sciences (Education Code 51225.3)

(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)

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)

(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)

(cf. 6142.93 - History-Social Science Instruction)

5. One course in visual or performing arts and one course of world language, including American Sign Language (Education Code 51225.3)

(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. One course in CTE (Career Technical Education) also referred to as Technical or Vocational Education.

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

8. Sixty additional units of elective credit

9. All students must complete State health standards and AB 329

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

Credit Requirements

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.

LINCOLN CONTINUATION HIGH SCHOOL

SubjectCredit Requirements

English 40

Mathematics (including 10 credits of the equivalent of Algebra I) 20

World Civilizations 10

U.S. History 10

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| U.S. Government | 5 |
| Economics | 5 |
| Life Science | 10 |
| Physical Science | 10 |
| Visual and Performing Arts/Foreign Language | 10 |
| Practical Arts | 10 |
| PE | 20 |
| Health & Safety | 5 |
| Non-Departmental | 45 |
| TOTAL | 200 |

SAN LEANDRO ADULT SCHOOL (PLAN I)

SubjectCredit Requirements

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| English | 40 |
| Mathematics (including 10 credits of the equivalent of Algebra I) | 20 |
| Science: To include Physical Science and Health | 20 |
| Social Studies: To include U.S. History, world history, Economics, Government | 30 |
| Fine Arts/Vocational Education/Foreign Language | 20 |
| Electives: Can include work experience, military | 50 |
| TOTAL | 200 |

SAN LEANDRO ADULT SCHOOL (PLAN II)

SubjectCredit Requirements

Pass the General Education Pass the General Education

Development (G.E.D.) which measures Development Test aligned to competency in: state passing requirements

* English Language Arts reading
(fiction, non-fiction, poetry, etc.

and writing

* Mathematics

* Social Studies (U.S. History,
World History, Civics and
Government, Economics)

* Science (Life science, earth
science, physical science)

Algebra I (A & B) 10

Social Studies: U.S. history, world 30
history, U.S. Government and economics

TOTAL 40

And score of 2250 (no less than 410 on each section of the GED test)

Students must be over 18 years of age to take the GED test. Students meeting the requirements of either Plan I or Plan II must also pass both the English Language Arts and Mathematics sections of the CAHSEE to be granted a high school diploma from the San Leandro Adult School.

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

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

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

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

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

High School Exit Examination

As a condition of high school graduation, each student-completing grade 12 shall have successfully passed the state exit examination in language arts and mathematics unless he/she receives a waiver or exemption. (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 60851)

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)
(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)
(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)
(cf. 6177 - Summer Learning Programs)
(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

Students who have passed all state and local graduation requirements by the end of grade 12 except one or both parts of the exit exam shall be informed of educational options available within the district and/or the community to enable them to continue their progress toward a high school diploma or the equivalent of a diploma.

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)
(cf. 6181 - Alternative Schools/Programs of Choice)
(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

Students who have passed all graduation requirements by the end of grade 12 except one or both parts of the exit exam also are eligible to receive a certificate of completion or comparable form of recognition to indicate that they have completed the required course of study.

The Superintendent or designee may regularly report to the Board regarding the number of students who have fulfilled all local and state graduation requirements except for the passage

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

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
48980 Required notification at beginning of term
49701 Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
51224 Skills and knowledge required for adult life
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
51225.5 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
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, High School: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/hs>

University of California, List of Approved a-g Courses:

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/freshman/requirements>

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