

INSTRUCTION

SUBJECT: Graduation Requirements for Continuation High Schools

The Governing Board desires to prepare each student to obtain a diploma of high school graduation in order to provide students with opportunities for postsecondary education and/or employment.

Course Requirements

To obtain a diploma of graduation from high school, 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)
2. Three courses in mathematics (Education Code 51225.3). This additional math requirement will affect the class of 2019.

Beginning in the 2003-04 school year, 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. Completion, prior to grade 9, of algebra coursework that meets or exceeds state academic content standards shall not exempt a student from the requirement to complete two mathematics courses in grades 9-12. (Education Code 51224.5)

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. One course in visual or performing arts, foreign language, or American Sign Language (Education Code 51225.3)

1. The following courses or subject areas are necessary for graduation from continuation high schools:

English	40 credits
Mathematics	30 credits
Life Sciences	10 credits
Physical Sciences	10 credits

United States History and Geography	10 credits
World History, Culture, and Geography	10 credits
Healthy Living	5 credits
Fine Arts or Foreign Language	10 credits
Vocational Arts	5 credits
American Government and Economics	10 credits
Volunteer Community Service	1 credits
Total Required Course Credits	141 credits
Total Elective Course Credits	59 credits

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION 200 credits

2. Additional Information

Credits may not exceed:

- Maximum of 40 credits for Work Experience.
- No maximum on credits received for Regional Occupational Program (ROP).
- No maximum on credits from accredited colleges and universities (principal approval required).
- Maximum of 20 credits for courses challenged.

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.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide a student who was enrolled in the fourth year of high school during the 2022-23 school year and is not on track to graduate in the 2022-23 school year the opportunity to complete the statewide coursework required for graduation, which may include, but is not limited to, completion of the coursework through a fifth year of instruction, credit recovery, or other opportunity to complete the required coursework.