

LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Policy 6146.1

Instruction

High School Graduation Requirements/Standards of Proficiency

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 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:

A. Students must earn 230 semester units of credit

B. The course of study will include the following listed courses:

1. Four courses in English 40 units
2. Two courses of science, including biological and physical sciences 20 units
3. Two courses in mathematics taken in grades 9-12 20 units

At least one mathematics course, or a combination of the two mathematics courses, shall meet or exceed academic content standards for Algebra I or Mathematics I. Completion of such coursework prior to grade 9 shall satisfy the Algebra I or Mathematics I requirement, but shall not exempt a student from the requirement to complete two mathematics courses in grades 9-12.

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. 30 units
5. One course in visual or performing arts, foreign language, including American Sign Language, or career technical education (CTE) 10 units

To be counted towards meeting graduation requirements, a CTE course shall be aligned to the CTE model curriculum standards and framework adopted by the State Board of Education.

6. Two courses of physical education, unless the student has been exempted pursuant to Education Code 51225.3. 20 units
7. 9th Grade Only: Board-approved course or combination of courses to equal 10 credits designed specifically for 9th grade students. This does not apply to transfer students after the 9th grade.

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.

Exemptions and Waivers

A foster, homeless student, former juvenile court school student, or child of a military family who transfers into the district any time after completing his/her second year of high school shall be required to complete all graduation requirements specified in Education Code 51225.3 but shall be exempt from any additional district-adopted graduation requirements, unless the Superintendent or designee makes a finding that the student is reasonably able to complete the requirements in time to graduate by the end of his/her fourth year of high school. Within 30 days of the transfer, any such student shall be notified of the availability of the exemption and whether he/she qualifies.

Retroactive Diplomas

Until July 31, 2018, any student who completed grade 12 in 2003-04 school year or a subsequent school year and has met all applicable graduation requirements other than the passage of the high school exit examination shall be granted a high school diploma.

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 educational was interrupted due to the internment or military service. A former student who satisfies these conditions and is deceased may be granted a retroactive diploma to be received by his/her next of kin.

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.

Legal References: EDUCATION CODE

- 47612 Enrollment in charter school
- 48200 Compulsory attendance
- 48412 Certification of proficiency
- 48430 Continuation education schools and classes
- 48645.5 Acceptance of coursework
- 48980 Notification of parent/guardian
- 49701 Interstate Compact of Educational Opportunity for Military Children
- 51224 Skills and knowledge required for adult life
- 51224.5 Algebra instruction
- 51225.3 Requirements for graduation
- 51225.1 Exemption from district graduation requirements
- 51225.2 Pupil in foster care defined; acceptance of coursework, credits, retaking course
- 51225.3 High School graduation
- 51225.35 Mathematics course requirements; computer science
- 51225.36 Instruction in sexual harassment and violence; districts that require health education 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
- 51430 Authorization for granting of high school diplomas to former students who are veterans of World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War, and interned students
- 51450-51455 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma
- 51745 Independent study restrictions
- 56390-56392 Recognition for educational achievement, special education

66204 Certification of high school courses as meeting university admissions criteria

67386 Student safety; affirmative consent standard

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

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

4600-4687 Uniform complaint procedures

COURT DECISIONS

O'Connell v. Superior Court (Valenzuela), (2006) 141 Cal.App4th 1452

MANAGEMENT RESOURCES:

WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education, High School:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/g/hs>

University of California, List of approved a-g courses:

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

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BOARD POLICIES

5125.2 Withholding Grades, Diploma, or Transcripts

5127 Graduation Ceremonies and Activities

6161.2 Damaged or Lost Instructional Materials

Policy

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