

GRADUATION COMMITTEE

Updated Graduation
Requirement Recommendations



OUSD GRADUATION COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP

Middle and High School teachers, assistant principals, principals, counselors, and district office staff.

OTHER DISTRICTS REQUIREMENTS

Committee looked at other districts requirements

[Tustin](#)

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AREAS DISCUSSED

Middle School Courses for High School Credit, Math Requirement, Continuation High School Requirements, English Requirement, College and Career Readiness Requirement

RECOMMENDATIONS

Made recommendations

CURRENT OUSD GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

RECOMMENDATION #1

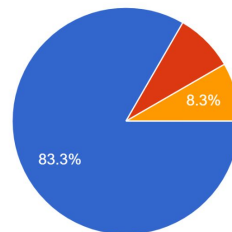
MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH AND WORLD LANGUAGE COURSES

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT STUDENTS BE ALLOWED TO GET CREDIT TOWARDS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL COURSES TAKEN IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.

- Yes, but should be alignment with high schools about the way the course is taught and the expectations. Assessments should be looked at to see if students are ready to move on.
- Will be a huge selling point for taking these classes in middle school and will open up students' schedules for taking more rigorous AP courses in high school.
- Concern about students not continuing to take language and math courses in high school once they meet the requirements in middle school.
- Important for dual immersion students
- Other school districts allow this

Middle School Foreign Language, CTE and Math Courses (That are equivalent to High School level courses.)

12 responses



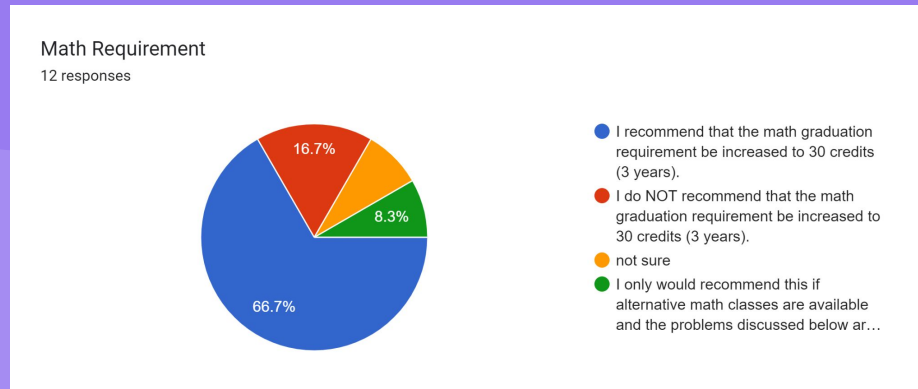
- I recommend that students be allowed to get credit towards graduation requirements for high school level courses taken in middle school.
- I do NOT recommend that students be allowed to get credit towards graduation requirements for high school level courses taken in middle school.
- Students that are taking a course in middle school in order to take higher level courses should be given the high...

RECOMMENDATION #2

MATH REQUIREMENT

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT MATH GRADUATION REQUIREMENT BE INCREASED TO 30 CREDITS (3 YEARS).

- Yes, as long as there are other choices besides Math III for the third year. Add more practical/relevant math courses as an option and increase co-taught options
- Would help to compete with other districts/raise A-G completion rates
- What would the impact be on special education students?
- For those who did not recommend this, they felt that some students struggle with math.



RECOMMENDATION #3

ENGLISH REQUIREMENT

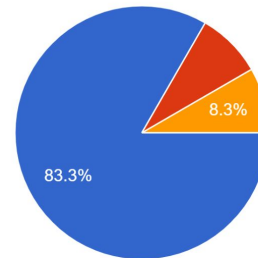
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE ENGLISH REQUIREMENT BE CHANGED TO 40 CREDITS TOTAL AND NOT BY GRADE LEVEL.

- Would give students the option of taking AP Language or AP Literature in either 11th or 12th grades rather than them being only available in one grade; also the same for AP Research
- May help A-G, if students had more choice
- Students transferring from other schools have taken the courses in different grades

LANGUAGE ARTS
English 9 - 10 credits
English 10 - 10 credits
English 11 - 10 credits
English 12 - 10 credits

Change English Requirement to 40 credits total and not by grade level.

12 responses



- I recommend changing the English requirement to 40 credits total and not by grade level.
- I do NOT recommend changing the English requirement to 40 credits total and not by grade level
- not sure

RECOMMENDATION #4

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS REQUIREMENT

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS REMOVAL AS A GRADUATION REQUIREMENT AND TO INSTEAD ADD AS AN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.

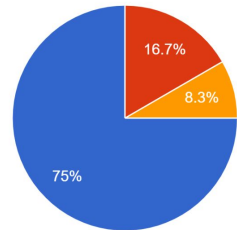
- Because of limitations in Aeries, this often has to be done as an override which can lead to errors.
- One year of this does not help our College and Career Indicator (CCI) dashboard
- Difficult to fit another requirement into some students' schedules

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS.10 Credits
(formerly Freshmen Seminar and one semester of Health)

* Students must complete at least one year of CTE, AVID, AP, or Dual Enrollment

College and Career Readiness Requirement

12 responses



- I recommend that this be removed as a graduation requirement and instead added as an achievement award.
- I do NOT recommend that this be removed as a graduation requirement.
- Depends. See comments below.

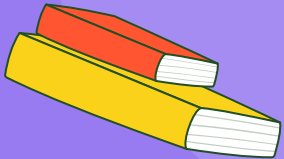
NEXT STEPS?

- Continue to gather input from stakeholder groups
- Survey to parents and secondary staff
- Review information gathered from stakeholder groups and survey to make recommendations to cabinet and board.

QUESTIONS?
Recommended next steps?
RECOMMENDATIONS?



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