

Instruction

High School Graduation Requirements

The Governing Board desires to prepare all students to successfully complete the high school course of study and obtain a diploma that represents their educational achievement and increases their opportunities for postsecondary education and employment.

Course Requirements

Requirements for a Diploma from Las Plumas High School or Oroville High School

In order 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:

English	40 credits	Students shall complete 8 semesters of English.
Mathematics	20 credits	Students shall complete at least 4 semesters of mathematics. Math I or a combination of Math IA and Math 1B shall meet the state requirement. Completion of such coursework prior to grade 9 shall satisfy the state requirement, but shall not exempt a student from completing four semester of mathematics courses in grades 9-12. (Education Code 51224.5)
Science	20 credits	Students shall complete at least 4 semesters of science: 2 semesters of <u>physical/earth</u> and 2 semesters of <u>life/biological</u> .
History/Social Science	30 credits*	Students in grade 10 shall complete 2 semesters of World History; students in grade 11 shall complete 2 semesters of U.S. History; and students in grade 12 shall complete 1 semester each of Government and Economics. *Class of 2021 must complete 8 semesters, which includes Geography and Health/Driver Education.
Foreign Language or Visual & Performing Arts	10 credits	Students shall complete at least 2 semesters of a visual or performing arts course, a foreign language or American Sign Language.
Physical Education	20 credits	All students in grade 9 shall complete 2 semesters of physical education. Students in grades 10-12 shall complete at least 2 semesters of physical education unless the student has been exempted pursuant to Education Code 51241.
Career & Technical Education	10 credits	Students shall complete 2 semesters of Career and Technical Education
Freshman Success	10 credits	Starting with the class of 2022, students shall complete 2 semesters of Freshman Success, which includes instruction in Driver Education, Health and Geography.
Electives	60 credits	Students shall complete an additional 12 semesters of elective credits to complete the necessary course requirements for graduation.

Required credits: 220 required

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Requirements for a Diploma from Prospect High School or Community Day High School

To obtain a diploma of graduation from Prospect High School or Community Day School, students shall complete at least the following courses in grades 9 through 12:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Credits</u>
English	35
Mathematics (must complete Algebra I/Math I)	20
Life Science	10
Physical Science	10
World History (Geography imbedded in course)	10
United States History (Geography imbedded in course)	10
Government (State, Federal and Local)	5
Economics	5
Visual & Performing Arts or Foreign Languages	10
Career & Technical (includes 5 credits of Careers)	10
P.E. (unless exempted)	10
Electives*	<u>45</u>
Required credits:	180

*Increased to 50 credits required if PE is exempted

Requirements for a Diploma from Oroville Adult Education-Career and Technical Center

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Credits</u>
English	40
Mathematics	10
Algebra/Math1	10
Life Science	10
Physical Science	10
U. S. History	10
Government (State, Federal & Local)	5
Economics	5
World History	10
Geography	5
Health	5
Fine Arts or Foreign Languages	10
Job Readiness/Career Exploration	2
Career & Technical Education	8
P.E. (unless exempted)	10
Electives*	<u>30</u>
Required Credits:	180

*Increased to 40 credits required if PE is exempted

Additional Requirements

Student must attain a minimum score of 236 on ELA/Reading and 239 on the math CASAS assessments.

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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 from District-Adopted Graduation Requirements

District students are required to complete graduation course requirements specified above, including the requirements imposed by Education Code 51225.3 and those adopted by the Board. However, a foster youth, homeless student, former juvenile court school student, child of a military family, or migrant student who transfers into the district or between district schools any time after completing the second year of high school, or a newly arrived immigrant student who is in the third or fourth year of high school and is participating in a newcomer program, shall be exempted from any graduation requirements adopted by the Board that are in addition to statewide course requirements. This exemption shall not apply if 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 the fourth year of high school.

Within 30 days of the transfer into a school or of the commencement of participation in a newcomer program, as applicable, the Superintendent or designee shall notify any eligible student of the availability of the exemption and whether the student qualifies for it. (Education Code 51225.1)

If during the 2020-21 school year a student was in the third or fourth year of high school and is not on track to graduate in four years, the district shall exempt the student from any local graduation requirements adopted by the Board that are in addition to statewide course requirements specified in Education Code 51225.3. (Education Code 51225)

Additional Opportunities to Complete Required Coursework

The Superintendent or designee shall provide a student who was enrolled in the third or fourth year of high school during the 2020-21 school year and is not on track to graduate in the 2020-21 or 2021-22 school years 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. (Education Code 51225)

Retroactive Diplomas

Any student who completed grade 12 in the 2003-04 through 2014-15 school year and met all applicable graduation requirements other than the passage of the high school exit examination shall be granted a high school diploma. (Education Code 51413)

In addition, the district may retroactively grant high school diplomas to former students who: (Education Code 48204.4, 51430, 51440)

1. Departed California against their will while in grade 12 and did not receive a diploma because the departure interrupted their education, provided that they were in good academic standing at the time of the departure

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Persons may be considered to have departed California against their will if they were in custody of a government agency and were transferred to another state, were subject to a lawful order from a court or government agency that authorized their removal from California, were subject to a lawful order and were permitted to depart California before being removed from California pursuant to the lawful order, were removed or were permitted to depart voluntarily pursuant to the federal Immigration and Nationality Act, or departed due to other circumstances determined by the district that are consistent with the purposes of Education Code 48204.4.

In determining whether to award a diploma under these circumstances, the Superintendent or designee shall consider any coursework that may have been completed outside of the United States or through online or virtual courses.

- 2. Were interned by order of the federal government during World War II or are honorably discharged veterans of World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, provided that they were enrolled in a district school immediately preceding the internment or military service and did not receive a diploma because their education was interrupted due to the internment or military service in those wars

Deceased former students who satisfy these conditions may be granted a retroactive diploma to be received by their next of kin.

- 3. Are veterans who entered the military service of the United States while in grade 12 and who had satisfactorily completed the first half of the work required for grade 12 in a district school
- 4. Were in their senior year of high school during the 2019-20 school year, were in good academic standing and on track to graduate at the end of the 2019-20 school year as of March 1, 2020, and were unable to complete the statewide graduation requirements as a result of the COVID-19 crisis

Honorary Diplomas

The Board may grant an honorary high school diploma to: (Education Code 51225.5)

- 1. An international exchange student who has not completed the course of study ordinarily required for graduation and who is returning to the student's home country following the completion of one academic school year in the district
- 2. A student who is terminally ill

The honorary diploma shall be clearly distinguishable from the regular diploma of graduation awarded by the district. (Education Code 51225.5)

State	Description
5 CCR 1600-1651	Graduation of students from grade 12 and credit toward graduation
5 CCR 4600-4670	Uniform complaint procedures
Ed. Code 47612	Enrollment in charter school
Ed. Code 48200	Compulsory attendance
Ed. Code 48204.4	Parents/guardians departing California against their will
Ed. Code 48412	Certificate of proficiency

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Ed. Code 48430	Continuation education schools and classes
Ed. Code 48645.5	Former juvenile court school students, enrollment
Ed. Code 48980	Required notification at beginning of term
Ed. Code 49701	Provisions of the interstate compact on educational opportunities for military children
Ed. Code 51224	Skills and knowledge required for adult life
Ed. Code 51224.5	Algebra in course of study for grades 7-12
Ed. Code 51225.1	Exemption from district graduation requirements
Ed. Code 51225.2	Former juvenile court school student defined; acceptance of coursework, credits, retaking of course
Ed. Code 51225.3	High school graduation
Ed. Code 51225.35	Mathematics course requirements; computer science
Ed. Code 51225.36	Instruction in sexual harassment and violence; districts that require health education for graduation
Ed. Code 51225.5	Honorary diplomas; foreign exchange students
Ed. Code 51225.6	Instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation
Ed. Code 51228	Graduation requirements
Ed. Code 51230	Credit for community emergency response training
Ed. Code 51240-51246	Exemptions from requirements
Ed. Code 51250-51251	Assistance to military dependents
Ed. Code 51410-51413	Diplomas
Ed. Code 51420-51427	High school equivalency certificates
Ed. Code 51430	Retroactive high school diplomas
Ed. Code 51440	Retroactive high school diplomas
Ed. Code 51450-51455	Golden State Seal Merit Diploma
Ed. Code 51745	Independent study
Ed. Code 56390-56392	Recognition for educational achievement, special education
Ed. Code 66204	Certification of high school courses as meeting university admission criteria
Ed. Code 67386	Student safety; affirmative consent standard

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Notifications

Requirements for graduation, specified alternative means for completing the prescribed course of study, and information about the availability of exemptions from local graduation requirements and/or credit recovery options available pursuant to Education Code 51225 shall be made available to students, parents/guardians, and the public.

Within 30 days of the transfer into a school by a foster youth, homeless student, former juvenile court school student, child of a military family, migrant student, or a newly arrived immigrant student, the Superintendent or designee shall notify any eligible student of the availability of the exemption from local graduation requirements under Education Code 51225.1 and whether the student qualifies for it. (Education Code 51225.1)

In the annual notification sent to parents/guardians pursuant to Education Code 48980, the Superintendent or designee shall include the following: (Education Code 48980)

1. Information about district high school graduation requirements and how each requirement satisfies or does not satisfy the subject matter requirements for admission to the California State University and the University of California
2. A complete list of career technical education courses offered by the district that satisfy the subject matter requirements for admission to the California State University and the University of California, and which of the specific college admission requirements these courses satisfy

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