

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS / STANDARDS OF PROFICIENCY AND CALIFORNIA PUBLIC COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

San José Unified's graduation requirements align to the A-G requirements of the California State University (CSU) schools and the University of California (UC) schools.

Area	Subject	SJUSD Requirement	CSU Requirement	UC Requirement
a.	Social Science U.S. History U.S. Government Economics World History	3 years 1 year 1 semester 1 semester 1 year 30 credits	2 years 1 year social science PLUS 1 year U.S. History OR 1 semester U.S. History, 1 semester Civics or American Government	2 years 1 year World History, Cultures or Geography PLUS 1 year U.S. History OR 1 semester U.S. History, 1 semester Civics or American Government
b.	English	4 years 40 credits	4 years college prep English composition and literature	4 years college prep English composition and literature
c.	Math Algebra I College prep	3 years 1 year 2 years* 30 credits	3 years Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry 4 years recommended	3 years Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry 4 years recommended
d.	Science Biological science Physical science College prep	3 years 1 year 1 year 1 year 30 credits	2 years college prep with laboratory 3 years recommended	2 years college prep science At least 2 of these: Biology, Chemistry, Physics 3 years recommended
e.	Language other than English same language	2 years 20 credits	2 years same language	2 years same language 3 years recommended
f.	Visual and Performing Arts	2 years 20 credits	1 year from same discipline of arts, dance, drama/theater, music	1 year from same discipline of dance, music, theater, visual arts
g.	Electives	3 years 30 credits	1 year college prep elective on approved a-g course list	1 year college prep elective on approved a-g course list
	Physical Education	2 years 20 credits		
	Total	220 credits		

Required Competency Certifications

- Community Service –10 hours of community service for each year of enrollment in a San José Unified high school (maximum 40 hours)

Note: for each year a State of Emergency is proclaimed to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID, the SJUSD community service requirement will be reduced by 10 hours.

* Any course which prepares students to take college level courses is considered a college preparatory course.

An alternative graduation path may be available through a school counselor for students unable to meet the standard graduation path requirements. Please refer to Board Policies 6146.1 and 6146.11, revised May 11, 2023.

