

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS/ STANDARDS OF PROFICIENCY

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.

District students shall complete graduation course requirements as specified in Education Code 51225.3. Unless exempted as provided in "Exemptions from District-Adopted Graduation Requirements," district students shall also complete other course requirements adopted by the Board. Students who are exempted from district-adopted graduation requirements shall be eligible to participate in any graduation ceremony and school activity related to graduation in which other students are eligible to participate.

### **Graduation Requirements from Tracy's Comprehensive High Schools**

A student must complete 220 credits and will normally carry a minimum of thirty credits each semester while in school. Passing the California High School Exit Exam is required for graduation. Students must complete the total number of credits in each of the areas listed below:

English	40 credits
Social Studies	30 credits
Science	30 credits
Math	20 credits
Fine Arts or World Language	10 credits
Physical Education	20 credits
Required Course Total	150 credits
Elective Courses	70 credits
TOTAL	220 credits

For high school students graduating in 2025 and after, three years of science is to include one course in biology, one course in chemistry or physics, and one other science course.

All students must take and pass at least two years of math while enrolled in high school and one of the two classes must be Algebra I. This requirement may be completed prior to grade 9. Education Code 51224.5 clarifies that completion of algebra coursework prior to grade 9 may satisfy the algebra coursework requirement but does not exempt a student from the requirement to take at least two years of mathematics in grades 9-12.

Successful completion of an approved computer science course that is classified as a "category C" course based on the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) "A-G" admission requirements shall be counted toward the satisfaction of additional graduation requirements in mathematics. (Education Code 51225.3, 51225.35)

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Foreign exchange students may receive honorary diplomas pursuant to Education Code 51225.5.

Students shall not be required to have resided within the District for any minimum length of time as a condition of high school graduation (Ed Code 51411)

The Golden State Seal Merit Diploma shall be issued to eligible students who meet the criteria as set forth by the State Board of Education.

**Exemptions from District-Adopted Graduation Requirements**

In addition, a foster youth, student experiencing homelessness, 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 additional requirements in time to graduate by the end of the fourth year of high school.

Within 30 days of the transfer into a school by a foster youth, student experiencing homelessness, former juvenile court school student, child of a military family, migrant student, or a newly arrived immigrant student, or of the commencement of participation in a newcomer program, as applicable, the Superintendent or designee shall notify any eligible student, and others as required by law, of the availability of the exemption from local graduation requirements and whether the student qualifies for it. (Education Code 51225.1)

The Superintendent or designee shall not require or request a foster youth, student experiencing homelessness, former juvenile court school student, child of a military family, migrant student, or a newly arrived immigrant student participating in a newcomer program who is exempted from district-established graduation requirements and who completes the statewide coursework requirements before the end of the fourth year of high school, and would otherwise be entitled to remain in school, to graduate before the end of the student's fourth year of high school. (Education Code 51225.1)

If a foster youth, student experiencing homelessness, former juvenile court school student, child of a military family, migrant student, or a newly arrived immigrant student participating in a newcomer program was not properly notified of an exemption, declined the exemption, or was not previously exempted, the student or the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student may request the exemption and the Superintendent or designee shall exempt the student within 30 days of the request. Any such student who at one time qualified for the exemption may request the exemption even if the student is no longer eligible. (Education Code 51225.1)

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Annually, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the California Department of Education, in accordance with Education Code 51225.1, the number of student's graduating from the fourth or fifth year of high school who, for the prior school year, graduated with an exemption from district-established graduation requirements that are in addition to statewide coursework requirements.

**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

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 U.S. 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 high 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 U.S. while in grade 12 and who had satisfactorily completed the first half of the work required for grade 12 in a district school

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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)

**Limitations:**

1. Except where specified, courses which are repeated earn credit one time only. In the instance where a course is repeated, the second set of grades will be included on the student's permanent record.
2. A maximum of 40 credits from any work experience education may be credited toward graduation requirements. Students may be enrolled in no more than two (2) periods of outside work experience.
3. A maximum of 40 credits of physical education may be credited toward graduation requirements.
4. Units of credit earned at all other accredited schools and correspondence schools may be transferred. Units from correspondence schools must have prior approval of the student's counselor and administrator.
5. By arrangement, and with prior approval, certain units earned concurrently at other institutions may also be accepted toward graduation. ROP/ROC classes and centers are examples, and more information can be obtained from the counseling staff.
6. Units of credit earned on independent contract study or home teaching must have prior approval of the student's counselor and administrator.

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7. Units of credit earned at non-accredited schools may be accepted provided there is substantial supportive evidence that the units earned conform to the Carnegie standard of earned credit.
8. Units of credit received through the Tracy Adult School must be earned concurrently and have prior approval of the student's counselor and the adult school administrator or designee to be applied toward graduation from high school.
9. Units of credit earned from an institution of higher learning; i.e., an accredited community college or a four (4) year college; may be considered for graduation only if the following criteria is met:
  - a. The student must be currently enrolled as a ninth grader, tenth grader, eleventh grader, or twelfth grader in high school during the time that the college classes are being taken.
  - b. The student must obtain prior written approval from the high school principal and the junior college/college involved in order for units of college credit to be applied toward high school graduation.
  - c. The student must be enrolled in at least four classes at high school during the semester he/she is concurrently enrolled.
  - d. Consideration for credit transfer will not be granted to former students, who left high school before graduation, or who are not age appropriate for reenrollment.

### **Early Graduation from Tracy's Comprehensive High Schools**

American government, economics, and English IV courses shall be primarily limited to twelfth grade students and to students who are age appropriate for twelfth grade. Enrollment of eleventh grade students in Senior required courses will be based on space availability, student grades and attendance, and the ability of the student to graduate early.

Early graduation petitions must be submitted to the site administration by September 10th of the school year that the student intends to graduate. Special consideration can be given

to hardship cases after the September 10th deadline. The petition must be signed by the student, parent/legal guardian, counselor, and school principal, and must include:

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1. The rationale for the request to graduate early
2. An action plan for completing the required course work for early graduation
3. A complete record of the student's grades and credits earned to date
4. The attendance record for the student.

Once completed, the petition to graduate early must be submitted to Student Services for review, then to the Board of Trustees for final approval.

Students who graduate at the end of the first semester will not be allowed to participate in second semester Senior activities. The student will be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremonies and post-graduation activities, subject to the approval of the principal. Students, who graduate early, must be in good behavior standing in order to participate in the graduation ceremony and any post-graduation activities.

### Standards of Proficiency

#### Graduation Requirements from George and Evelyn Stein Continuation High School

Students must earn 135 credits and complete all required subjects as outlined below. Credit requirements are:

#### Requirements

English .....	30 credits
Social Studies .....	30 credits
Science .....	20 credits
Math (including Algebra I or equivalent) .....	20 credits
Visual/Performing Arts or World Language	10 credits
Physical Education	N/A
Electives (Portfolio.....)	25 credits
Total .....	135 credits

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#### Legal Reference:

#### EDUCATION CODE

State	Description
5 CCR 1600-1651	Graduation of students from grade 12 and credit toward graduation
5 CCR 4600-4670	Uniform complaint procedures

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Ed. Code 220	<a href="#">Prohibition of discrimination</a>
Ed. Code 47612	<a href="#">Average daily attendance in charter school</a>
Ed. Code 48200	<a href="#">Compulsory attendance</a>
Ed. Code 48204.4	<a href="#">Parents/guardians departing California against their will</a>
Ed. Code 48412	<a href="#">Certificate of proficiency</a>
Ed. Code 48430	<a href="#">Continuation education schools and classes</a>
Ed. Code 48645.5	<a href="#">Former juvenile court school students; enrollment</a>
Ed. Code 48980	<a href="#">Parent/Guardian notifications</a>
Ed. Code 49701	<a href="#">Provisions of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children</a>
Ed. Code 51224	<a href="#">Skills and knowledge required for adult life</a>
Ed. Code 51224.5	<a href="#">Algebra in course of study for grades 7-12</a>
Ed. Code 51225.1	<a href="#">Exemption from district graduation requirements</a>
Ed. Code 51225.2	<a href="#">Course credits</a>
Ed. Code 51225.3	<a href="#">High school graduation requirements</a>
Ed. Code 51225.31	<a href="#">Graduation exemption for students with disabilities</a>
Ed. Code 51225.35	<a href="#">Mathematics course requirements; computer science</a>
Ed. Code 51225.36	<a href="#">Instruction in sexual harassment and violence; districts that require health education for graduation</a>
Ed. Code 51225.5	<a href="#">Honorary diplomas; foreign exchange and terminally ill students</a>
Ed. Code 51225.6	<a href="#">Instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation; districts that require health education for graduation</a>
Ed. Code 51225.9	<a href="#">Courses of study, grades 7 to 12; career technical education</a>
Ed. Code 51226.7	<a href="#">Model curriculum in ethnic studies</a>
Ed. Code 51228	<a href="#">Course of study; offerings and timely opportunity</a>
Ed. Code 51230	<a href="#">Credit for community emergency response training</a>
Ed. Code 51240-51246	<a href="#">Exemptions from requirements</a>
Ed. Code 51250-51251	<a href="#">Assistance to military dependents</a>
Ed. Code 51410-51413	<a href="#">Diplomas</a>
Ed. Code 51420-51427	<a href="#">High school equivalency certificates</a>
Ed. Code 51430	<a href="#">Retroactive high school diplomas</a>
Ed. Code 51440	<a href="#">Credit and granting of diploma to veterans and members of the military service</a>
Ed. Code 51450-51455	<a href="#">Golden State Seal Merit Diploma</a>
Ed. Code 51744-51749.6	<a href="#">Independent study</a>
Ed. Code 56390-56392	<a href="#">Recognition for educational achievement; special education</a>
Ed. Code 60640	<a href="#">California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress</a>
Ed. Code 66204	<a href="#">Certification of high school courses as meeting university admission criteria</a>
Ed. Code 67386	<a href="#">Student safety; affirmative consent standard</a>
<b>Management Resources</b>	<b>Description</b>
Court Decision	O'Connell v. Superior Court (Valenzuela) (2006) 141 Cal.App.4th 1452
Website	<a href="#">CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services</a>
Website	<a href="#">California Department of Education, High School</a>

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Website [University of California, List of Approved A-G Courses](#)  
 Website [CSBA](#)

### Cross References

Code	Description
0460	<a href="#">Local Control And Accountability Plan</a>
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0470	<a href="#">COVID-19 Mitigation Plan</a>
1312.3	<a href="#">Uniform Complaint Procedures</a>
1312.3	<a href="#">Uniform Complaint Procedures</a>
1312.3-E(1)	<a href="#">Uniform Complaint Procedures</a>
1312.3-E(2)	<a href="#">Uniform Complaint Procedures</a>
4112.2	<a href="#">Certification</a>
4112.2	<a href="#">Certification</a>
5113.2	<a href="#">Work Permits</a>
5113.2	<a href="#">Work Permits</a>
5126	<a href="#">Awards For Achievement</a>
5126	<a href="#">Awards For Achievement</a>
5127	<a href="#">Graduation Ceremonies And Activities</a>
5145.6	<a href="#">Parent/Guardian Notifications</a>
5145.6-E(1)	<a href="#">Parent/Guardian Notifications</a>
5147	<a href="#">Dropout Prevention</a>
6000	<a href="#">Concepts And Roles</a>
6011	<a href="#">Academic Standards</a>
6141	<a href="#">Curriculum Development And Evaluation</a>
6141	<a href="#">Curriculum Development And Evaluation</a>
6142.1	<a href="#">Sexual Health And HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction</a>
6142.1	<a href="#">Sexual Health And HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction</a>
6142.2	<a href="#">World Language Instruction</a>
6142.2	<a href="#">World Language Instruction</a>
6142.3	<a href="#">Civic Education</a>
6142.4	<a href="#">Service Learning/Community Service Classes</a>
6142.6	<a href="#">Visual And Performing Arts Education</a>
6142.7	<a href="#">Physical Education And Activity</a>
6142.7	<a href="#">Physical Education And Activity</a>
6142.8	<a href="#">Comprehensive Health Education</a>
6142.8	<a href="#">Comprehensive Health Education</a>
6142.91	<a href="#">Reading/Language Arts Instruction</a>
6142.92	<a href="#">Mathematics Instruction</a>
6142.93	<a href="#">Science Instruction</a>
6142.94	<a href="#">History-Social Science Instruction</a>
6143	<a href="#">Courses Of Study</a>
6143	<a href="#">Courses Of Study</a>
6145	<a href="#">Extracurricular And Cocurricular Activities</a>
6145	<a href="#">Extracurricular And Cocurricular Activities</a>
6145.2	<a href="#">Athletic Competition</a>

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6146.2	<a href="#"><u>Certificate Of Proficiency/High School Equivalency</u></a>
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6146.3	<a href="#"><u>Reciprocity Of Academic Credit</u></a>
6146.3	<a href="#"><u>Reciprocity Of Academic Credit</u></a>
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