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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.

Where a course is applicable to more than one subject area requirement, the units will be counted only once.

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:

1. Four courses in English (Education Code 51225.3)
2. Three courses in mathematics (Education Code 51225.3)

Students shall complete at least one mathematics course that meets the state academic content standards for Algebra I or Mathematics I. Students may complete such coursework prior to grade 9, provided that they also complete two mathematics courses in grades 9-12. (Education Code 51224.5)

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)

3. Two courses in science, including biological and physical sciences (Education Code 51225.3)
4. Three courses in social studies, including United States (U.S.) history and geography; world history, culture, and geography; a one-semester course in American government and civics; and a one-semester course in economics. (Education Code 51225.3)

A student who completes a one-semester personal finance course requirement may elect to be exempt from the one-semester economics course requirements commencing in the 2030-31 school year. (Education Code 51225.3)

5. Beginning with the 2030-31 school year, a one-semester course in personal finance (Education Code 51225.3)
6. One course in visual or performing arts, or world language. For purposes of this requirement, a course in American Sign Language shall be deemed a course in world language (Education Code 51225.3)

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7. Two courses in physical education, unless the student has been otherwise exempted pursuant to other sections of the Education Code (Education Code 51225.3)
8. Beginning with the 2029-30 school year, a one-semester course in ethnic studies (Education Code 51225.3)
9. A one-semester course in health education.
10. 155 units must be completed in accordance with the content or subject area minimum requirement indicated in the basic requirement chart below. Beginning with the 2029-2030 school year, 160 units will be required.
11. 205 units are required, in grades 9 through 12, to qualify for a diploma of graduation. Beginning with the 2029-2030 school year, 210 units will be required.

To qualify for a diploma from Independence High School, a student must earn 205 semester units in grades 9 through 12. One hundred fifty-five (155) of those semester units must be selected in accordance with the content or subject area minimum requirements indicated below. All students will follow the program shown.

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Content or Subject Area	Required Units	Required Courses or Program
Fine Arts or Foreign Language	10	Any approved Visual and Performing Arts or Foreign Language Course.
English	40	<u>Grade 9</u> (10 units) English 9 <u>Grade 10</u> (10 Units) English 10 <u>Grade 11</u> (10 units) English 1 <u>Grade 12</u> (10 units) English 12 Or any other approved course. ELD 3 may be used for 10 units of the English requirement.
Mathematics	30	Curricular content of Algebra 1 and Geometry, and additional coursework to equal 30 units
Physical Education	20	Physical Education - Grade 9 (10 units) Physical Education - Grades 10, 11, 12 (10 units)
Science	20	Any course approved for science credit. Course must include: Biological Science (10 units) Physical Science (10 units)
Health	5	Health (5 Units)
Social Science	30 **(25)	World History - Grades 10 (10 units) US. History - Grade 11 (10 units) American Government - Grade 12 (5 units) Economics - Grade 12 (5 units) **Exempt if Personal Finance is successfully completed
Ethnic Studies	*(5)	*Ethnic Studies (5 units) (Beginning 2029-2030)

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Content or Subject Area	Required Units	Required Courses or Program
Personal Finance	** (5)	**Personal Finance (5 units) (Beginning 2030-2031)
Subject Area Requirements	155 units	*160 units (Beginning 2029-2030)
Elective units	50 units	
Total Requirements	205 units	*210 units (Beginning 2029-2030 with Ethnic Studies)

*Ethnic Studies graduation requirement. Beginning with the 2029-30 school year, students will complete a one-semester 5-unit course in ethnic studies.

**Personal Finance graduation requirements will be included as a graduation requirement for the 2030-31 school year. Commencing with students graduating in the 2030-31 school year, a student who completes a one-semester personal finance course requirement may elect to be exempt from the one-semester economics course requirement.

Fourth Year Limitation

Students may earn no more than 90 units from all sources in the calendar year prior to their graduation (September-June). Appeals for an exception to this policy may be approved by the site principal under special circumstances.

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

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5 CCR 1600-1651	Graduation of students from grade 12 and credit toward graduation
5 CCR 4600-4670	Uniform complaint procedures
Ed. Code 220	Prohibition of discrimination
Ed. Code 47612	Average daily attendance 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
Ed. Code 48430	Continuation education schools and classes
Ed. Code 48645.5	Former juvenile court school students; enrollment
Ed. Code 48980	Parent/Guardian notifications
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	Course credits
Ed. Code 51225.3	High school graduation requirements
Ed. Code 51225.31	Exemption for students with disabilities
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 and terminally ill students
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Ed. Code 51225.9	Courses of study, grades 7 to 12; career technical education
Ed. Code 51226.7	Model curriculum in ethnic studies
Ed. Code 51228	Course of study; offerings and timely opportunity
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	Credit and granting of diploma to veterans and members of the military service
Ed. Code 51450-51455	Golden State Seal Merit Diploma
Ed. Code 51744-51749.6	Independent study
Ed. Code 56390-56392	Recognition for educational achievement; special education
Ed. Code 60640	California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress
Ed. Code 66204	Certification of high school courses as meeting university admission criteria
Ed. Code 67386	Student safety; affirmative consent standard

Management Resources

Description

Court Decision	O'Connell v. Superior Court (Valenzuela) (2006) 141 Cal.App.4th 1452
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	California Department of Education, High School
Website	University of California, List of Approved A-G Courses
Website	CSBA

Cross References

Code

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0460	Local Control And Accountability Plan
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0470	COVID-19 Mitigation Plan
1312.3	Uniform Complaint Procedures
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1312.3-E(1)	Uniform Complaint Procedures
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5127	Graduation Ceremonies And Activities
5145.6	Parent/Guardian Notifications
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6141	Curriculum Development And Evaluation
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