Cache County School District

Policy Series 4000: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Policy No. 4900 P1

High School Graduation Requirements, Diploma, and Certificate Eligibility

Purpose
This procedure establishes graduation requirements, diploma eligibility standards, and related administrative practices for students enrolled in Cache County School District high schools.

Diploma Eligibility
A student shall earn a high school diploma upon successful completion of all state and district graduation requirements.

Graduation Requirements
Students enrolled in Cache County School District high schools shall earn a minimum of twenty-six (26.0) units of credit for graduation at the four traditional boundary high schools and twenty-five (25.0) units of credit for graduation at Cache High School

Graduation requirements shall include:

Language Arts
4.0 credits
1) English 9
2) English 10
3) English 11
4) One credit applied or advanced Language Arts course approved by the Utah State Board of Education

Mathematics
3.0 credits
1) Secondary Mathematics I
2) Secondary Mathematics II
3) Secondary Mathematics III

A parent may request an alternative third mathematics course in accordance with state requirements.

Science
3.0 credits
Students shall earn:
1) two foundation science credits from two different science disciplines; and
2) one additional science credit from a foundation, applied, or advanced science course approved by the Utah State Board of Education.

Social Studies
3.5 credits

1) World Geography (.5)
2) World History (.5)
3) US History 2 (1)
4) U.S. Government and Citizenship: .5 required for students graduating in 2027 and 2028
5) American Constitutional Government and Citizenship: 1.0 minimum required for students graduating in 2029 and beyond
6) One additional half-credit applied, advanced, or other social studies course (.5)

Fine Arts
1.5 credits

Health and Physical Education
2.0 credits

1) Health Education (.5)
2) Participation Skills (.5)
3) Fitness for Life (.5)
4) Individualized Lifetime Activities (.5)

Athletic participation credit may be awarded for Participation Skills and Individual Lifetime Activities through participation in a UHSAA athletic activity and by demonstrating competency of the core standards in accordance with district procedures.

Career and Technical Education
1.0 credit

Digital Studies
0.5 credit

General Financial Literacy
0.5 credit

Electives
7.0 credits (6.0 credits at Cache High)
Students shall earn sufficient elective credits to meet the district's graduation requirement.

Plan for College and Career Readiness
Each student shall maintain a current Plan for College and Career Readiness (PCCR).

The PCCR shall:

1) identify graduation requirements;
2) establish postsecondary goals;
3) identify coursework supporting those goals; and
4) be reviewed regularly with the student and parent or guardian.

Early Graduation
Students who complete all graduation requirements prior to the completion of grade twelve may graduate early.

Students seeking early graduation shall:
1) notify the school counselor and administration as early as practicable;
2) maintain a current PCCR identifying the early graduation pathway; and
3) complete all applicable graduation requirements.

The principal may waive enrollment requirements when all graduation requirements have been satisfied.

Diplomas
Diplomas shall be issued in the student's legal name as reflected in the student's official education record. The name announced during commencement exercises shall be governed by Procedure 4900 P3.

Administration
School administrators and counselors are responsible for implementing this procedure and ensuring compliance with applicable laws, rules, and district requirements.

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