

# Sacramento City USD

## Board Policy

### High School Graduation Requirements

BP 6146.1

#### Instruction

Because graduation from high school provides students with opportunities for postsecondary education and or employment, the Governing Board desires to prepare each student to obtain a diploma of high school graduation.

(cf. 0420.3 - School-Based Student Motivation and Maintenance Program)

(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)

(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)

(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)

(cf. 5149 - At-Risk Students)

(cf. 6146.5 - Elementary/Middle School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

#### Course Requirements

To obtain a diploma of graduation from high school, students shall complete at least the following course credits in grades 9 through 12, with each course being ten credits per year unless otherwise specified: (Education Code 51225.3)

1. Forty credits in English

(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts)

2. Twenty credits in mathematics, including Algebra 1 and geometry. Completion, prior to grade 9, of algebra coursework that meets or exceeds academic content standards shall not exempt a student from the requirement to complete two mathematics courses in grades 9 - 12. (Education Code 51224.5)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)

3. Twenty credits in science, including biological and physical sciences

(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)

4. Forty credits in social studies, including United States history and geography; world history, culture and geography; a one-semester course in American government and civics; a one-semester course in Geography, a one-semester course in Contemporary Global Issues, and a

one-semester course in economics/consumer education

5. Ten credits in visual or performing arts.

(cf. 6142.6 - Visual and Performing Arts Education)

6. Twenty credits in physical education, unless the student has been exempted pursuant to Education Code 51241

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education)

7. Ten credits in world languages.

8. Demonstrate proficiency in Technology Literacy.

9. Complete a Service Learning Project or a Senior Project.

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.

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

(cf. 6146.2 - Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency)

California High School Exit Exam for the Classes of 2006 and Later

Beginning in the 2005-06 school year and each year thereafter, each student completing grade 12 shall successfully pass the state exit examinations in language arts and mathematics as a condition of high school graduation. Students may take the exit examination in grade 10 and may take the examination during each subsequent administration until each section of the examination has been passed. (Education Code 60851)

(cf. 6146.4 - Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

Supplemental instruction shall be offered to any student who does not demonstrate "sufficient progress" toward passing the exit examination. (Education Code 37252, 60851)

(cf. 6177 - Summer School)

For purposes of determining eligibility for supplemental instruction, "sufficient progress" shall be determined by students' grades and other indicators of academic achievement designated by the district.

Retroactive Diplomas

The district may retroactively grant a high school diploma to a former student who was interned by order of the federal government during World War II or who is an honorably discharged veteran of World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, provided that he/she was enrolled in a district school immediately preceding the internment or military service and he/she did not receive a diploma because his/her education was interrupted due to the internment or military service. (Education Code 51430)

In addition, the Board may retroactively grant a diploma to a deceased former student who satisfies the above conditions. The diploma shall be received by the deceased student's next of kin. (Education Code 51430)

#### Legal Reference:

##### EDUCATION CODE

37252 Supplemental instructional programs  
48430 Continuation education schools and classes  
48645.5 Acceptance of coursework  
48980 Notification of parent/guardian  
51224 Skills and knowledge required for adult life  
51224.5 Algebra instruction  
51225.3 Requirements for graduation  
51225.5 Honorary diplomas; foreign exchange students  
51228 Graduation requirements  
51241-51246 Exemptions from requirements  
51410-51412 Diplomas  
51420-51427 High school equivalency certificates  
51450-51455 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma  
60850-60859 High school exit exam  
66204 Certification of high school courses as meeting university admissions criteria  
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5  
1600-1651 Graduation of pupils from grade 12 and credit toward graduation

#### Management Resources:

##### CSBA POLICY ADVISORIES

Algebra I Requirement: Eligibility for High School Diplomas, March 2004

##### WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

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