

Instruction

High School Graduation Requirements

BP 6146.1 (a)

San Jacinto High School Graduation Requirements

The Board of Trustees desires to prepare all students to obtain a high school diploma to enable them to take advantage of opportunities for postsecondary education and employment.

Successful completion of ~~at least~~ **a minimum of** 230 semester credits for graduation from San Jacinto High School that meet the standards of proficiencies established by the district and the State of California are required by all students.

(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)

(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

(cf. 6146.3 - Reciprocity of Academic Credit)

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:**

Subject Semester Credits

***1.** English 40 Semester Credits (Education Code 51225.3)

(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)

***2.** Mathematics 30 Semester Credits - Including one year of successful completion of Math I and one year of successful completion of a course in Math II. **Students may be awarded credit for one year of Math I when successfully completed in grade eight, but still must complete three years of math in high school.** (Education Code 51225.3)

Students may be awarded up to one mathematics course credit for successful completion of an approved computer science course that is classified as a "category c" course based on the "a-g" course requirements for college admission. (Education Code 51225.3, 51225.35)

(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)

(cf. 6152.1 - Placement in Mathematics Courses)

***3.** Science 30 Semester Credits - Including one year of a Life Science/Biology Course and one year of a course in the Physical Sciences (Education Code 51225.3)

(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)

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*4. **Social Science Studies** 30 Semester Credits - Including United States 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)

(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)

(cf. 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)

*5. **Visual Performing Arts** 10 Semester Credits, **Foreign Language** (including American Sign Language, if offered); or **Career Technical Education (CTE)** (Education Code 51225.3)

To be counted towards meeting graduation requirements, a CTE course shall be aligned to the CTE model curriculum standards and framework adopted by the State Board of Education.

(cf. 6142.2 - World/Foreign Language Instruction)

(cf. 6142.6 - Visual and Performing Arts Education)

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)

*6. **Elective Courses** 70 Semester credits Students shall be granted not more than 40 of the 230 credits required for graduation from the following single source; work experience. Students shall be granted not more than 40 credits of CTE credit.

Students shall be provided with additional instruction and opportunities to meet the standards established by the district and the State of California.

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)

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

*7. **Physical Education** 20 Semester Credits unless the student has been otherwise exempted pursuant to other sections of the Education Code (Education Code 51225.3)

Students may earn Physical Education credits toward graduation by completing any combination of the following courses:

*PE Year I

*PE Year II

*PE Sports

*PE Weight Training

*Advanced Strength and Conditioning

*AFJROTC

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*Marching Band

These courses must outline in their course proposals how instruction in the eight areas of physical education is met over the grade span of nine through twelve.

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

A maximum of 40 PE credits can be counted toward graduation

Transfer courses from other accredited institutions will be assessed for credit.

~~Beginning with the class of 2021,~~ Sstudents will complete 40 community service/volunteer hours for a nonprofit organization(s) according to standards established by school administration.

(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)

Exemptions and Waivers from District-Adopted Graduation Requirements

~~A foster youth, homeless student, or former juvenile court school student who transfers into the district any time after completing his/her second year of high school shall be required to complete all graduation requirements specified in Education Code 51225.3 but shall be exempt from any additional district-adopted graduation requirements, unless the Superintendent or designee makes a finding that the student is reasonably able to complete the requirements in time to graduate by the end of his/her fourth year of high school. Within 30 days of the transfer, any such student shall be notified of the availability of the exemption and whether he/she qualifies for it. (Education Code 51225.1)~~

District students are required to complete graduation course requirements specified above, including the requirements imposed by Education Code 51225.3 and those adopted by the Board. However, a foster youth, homeless student, 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 requirements in time to graduate by the end of the fourth year of high school. Within 30 days of the transfer or of the commencement of participation in a newcomer program, as applicable, the Superintendent or designee shall notify any eligible student of the availability of the exemption and whether the student qualifies for it. (Education Code 51225.1)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

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(cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)
(cf. 6173.3 - Education for Juvenile Court School Students)
(cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)

~~In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall facilitate the on-time graduation of children of military families by waiving specific course requirements for graduation if the student has satisfactorily completed similar coursework in another district. (Education Code 49701)~~

~~(cf. 6173.2 - Education for Children of Military Families)~~

Retroactive Diplomas

~~Until July 31, 2018, any student who completed grade 12 in the 2003-04 school year or a subsequent school year and has met all applicable graduation requirements other than the passage of the high school exit examination shall be granted a high school diploma. (Education Code 60851.6)~~

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~~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. A deceased former student who satisfies these conditions may be granted a retroactive diploma to be received by his/her next of kin. (Education Code 51430)~~

~~In addition, the district may grant a diploma to a veteran who entered the military service of the United States while he/she was a district student in grade 12 and who had completed the first half of the work required for grade 12. (Education Code 51440)~~

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

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: (Education Code

48204.4, 51430, 51440)

1. Persons who 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 United States or through online or virtual courses.

2. Former students who were interned by order of the federal government during World War II or who are honorably discharged veterans of World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, provided that they were enrolled in a district 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. Veterans who entered the military service of the United States while in grade 12 and who had satisfactorily completed the first half of the work required for grade 12 in a district school

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 home country following the completion of one academic school year in the district

(cf. 6145.6 - International Exchange)

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)

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Mtn. View High School Graduation Requirements

The Board requires the successful completion of ~~at least~~ a **minimum of** 200 semester credits for graduation from Mt. View High School that meet the standards of proficiencies established by the district and the state of California.

The prescribed course of study for students in grades 9 through 12 shall include:

Subject Semester Credits

- *1. English 40 Semester Credits - Successful completion of English I is required for graduation.
- *3. Mathematics 30 Semester Credits - Including one year of successful completion of Math I and one year of successful completion of Math II.
- *4. Science 20 Semester Credits - 1 year Biology/Life Science **10 Semester Credits**/1 year of Physical Science **10 Semester Credits**
- *5. Social ~~Science~~ **Studies** 35 Semester Credits
Including all of the following:
 - * United States History and Geography **10 Semester Credits**
 - * Civics and American Government **5 Semester Credits**
 - * Economics **5 Semester Credits**
 - * Skills for Living **5 Semester Credits**
 - * World History, Cultures, and Geography **10 Semester Credits**
 - * ~~Math/ELA 5 Semester Credits~~
6. Fine Arts/ ~~or Foreign~~ **Modern Languages** 10 Semester Credits
7. **Total of 10 credits of the following:**
 - * Health 5 Semester Credits
 - * ~~Family Life and Parenting~~
 - * ~~Consumer Education or Life Skills~~ **5 Semester Credits**

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*8. Physical Education 20 Semester Credits unless the student has been otherwise exempted pursuant to other sections of the Education Code (Education Code 51225.3)

Students may earn Physical Education credits toward graduation by completing any combination of the following courses:

*PE Year I

*PE Year II

*PE Sports

*PE Weight Training

*Advanced Strength and Conditioning

*AFJROTC

*Marching Band

These courses must outline in their course proposals how instruction in the eight areas of physical education is met over the grade span of nine through twelve.

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

*9. Elective Courses 35 Semester Credits ~~beginning with the class of 2021,~~

*10. Community Service/Volunteer Hours for a nonprofit organization(s) according to standards established by school administration - students will complete 20 hours

(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

47612 Enrollment in charter school

48200 Compulsory attendance

48204.4 Parents/guardians departing California against their will

48412 Certificate of proficiency

48430 Continuation education schools and classes

48645.5 Acceptance of coursework

48980 Required notification at beginning of term

49701 Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

51224 Skills and knowledge required for adult life

51224.5 Algebra instruction

51225.1 Exemption from district graduation requirements

51225.2 ~~Pupil~~ Student in foster care defined; acceptance of coursework, credits, retaking of course

51225.3 High school graduation

51225.35 Mathematics course requirements; computer science

51225.36 Instruction in sexual harassment and violence; districts that require health education for graduation

51225.5 Honorary diplomas; ~~foreign exchange students~~

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Legal Reference, continued:

EDUCATION CODE, continued:

51225.6 Compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation

51228 Graduation requirements

51240-51246 Exemptions from requirements

51250-51251 Assistance to military dependents

51410-51412 Diplomas

51420-51427 High school equivalency certificates

51430 Retroactive high school diplomas

51440 Retroactive high school diplomas

51450-51455 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

51745 Independent study restrictions

56390-56392 Recognition for educational achievement, special education

~~60851.5 Suspension of high school exit examination~~

~~60851.6 Retroactive diploma; completion of all graduation requirements except high school exit examination~~

66204 Certification of high school courses as meeting university admissions criteria

67386 Student safety; affirmative consent standard

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

1600-1651 Graduation of students from grade 12 and credit toward graduation

4600-4687 **4670**Uniform complaint procedures

COURT DECISIONS

O'Connell v. Superior Court (Valenzuela), (2006) 141 Cal.App.4th 1452

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education, California High School Exit Examination:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs>

University of California, List of Approved a-g Courses:

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/freshman/requirements>

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