

# **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Students are required to have a minimum of 215 semester credits for graduation. Ten credits are granted for successfully completing a course that meets each day for a school year; five credits are granted for a semester course. In addition, all students must pass the District's Competency Examinations.

## **SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS**

	<b>Credits</b>	
<b>Arts, Visual and Performing</b>	<b>10</b>	Credits in Art, Music, Dance, Photography, or Theatre will satisfy this course requirement.
<b>Career/Technical Education</b>	<b>10</b>	Credits in Business, Home Economics, Industrial Technology, Work Experience, Exploratory Experience, and Regional Occupation Programs will satisfy this requirement. Certain courses offered by other departments will also satisfy the requirement.
<b>English</b>	<b>40</b>	
<b>Living Skills</b>	<b>5</b>	The Living Skills requirement will be met through a one-semester required class that may be taken in summer school or at any point during the student's high school career prior to graduation. For students in grades 11-12 still needing to finish Living Skills under the old arrangements, student portfolios will serve as evidence of study.
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>20</b>	Including 1 year of Algebra or its equivalent.
<b>Physical Education</b>	<b>20</b>	
<b>Science</b>	<b>20</b>	Ten credits in Physical Science; 10 credits in Biology.
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>40</b>	Including 10 units of World History, 10 units of U.S. History, 5 units of Government, 5 units of Contemporary World History, 5 units of Economics, and 5 units of Social Studies electives.

Students must also pass the **California High School Exit Examination** to receive a high school diploma.

## **ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS**

### **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA**

Subject requirements to any campus of the University are the same and include the following:

- a) US HISTORY / US GOVT. .... 1 yr.
- a) WORLD HISTORY ..... 1 yr.
- b) ENGLISH ..... 4 yrs.
- c) MATHEMATICS ..... 3 yrs. (through Algebra 2) ..... 3 yrs. (4 yrs. recommended)
- d) LAB SCIENCE ..... (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)..... 2 yrs. (3 yrs. recommended)
- e) FOREIGN LANGUAGE ..... 2 yrs. of same language ..... 2 yrs. (3 yrs. recommended)
- f) Two years of college prep electives chosen from the following areas: ..... 2 yrs.  
VISUAL PERFORMING ARTS ..... 1 yr.
- g) COLLEGE PREP ELECTIVES chosen from the following areas: ..... 1 yr.  
History, Social Science, Law, English, Advanced Mathematics, Laboratory Science, or third year of Foreign Language.  
All courses must be completed with a grade of C or better. These are minimum requirements.

### **CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITIES**

- US HISTORY / SOCIAL SCIENCE. .... 2 years
- ENGLISH ..... 4 years
- MATHEMATICS ..... 3 years (through Algebra 2)
- FOREIGN LANGUAGE ..... 2 years of the same language
- VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS ..... 1 year
- SCIENCE ..... 2 years (1 biological) (1 physical)
- COLLEGE PREP ELECTIVE chosen from subjects as: ..... 1 year  
English, History, Advanced Math, Lab Science, Visual or Performing Arts and other fields.  
All courses must be completed with a grade of C or better.

### **EXPLANATION OF GRADING / MARKING SYSTEMS**

- A = Excellent      B = Above Average      C = Average      D or P = Passing      F = Failing
- NM = No Mark      I = Incomplete