



Huntington Beach Union High School District Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

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Instruction

High School Graduation Requirements

The Governing Board desires to prepare all students to obtain a high school diploma to enable them to take advantage of opportunities for postsecondary education and/or employment. Students shall receive diplomas of graduation from high school only after completing all requirements. Youth in foster care, children of military families, and special education students identified through their IEP, may be eligible for specific waivers from the district's graduation requirements. Students shall complete the following requirements in order to receive a diploma of graduation:

1. Total credits required: 220
(Including 155 credits from required courses; students may earn a maximum of 40 credits per semester.)
2. Required courses:
(One year = 10 credits)

English*	4 years	40 credits
World History	1 year	10 credits
U. S. History	1 year	10 credits
U. S. Government	1/2 year	5 credits
Economics	1/2 year	5 credits
Mathematics (Including 1 year of Algebra or above**)	3 years	30 credits
Physical Science	1 year	10 credits
Life Science	1 year	10 credits
Health	1/2 year	5 credits
(Beginning with the class of 2011)		
Physical Education	2 years	20 credits
Visual & Performing Arts or World Language or Career Technical Education	1 year	10 credits

* Students shall be enrolled in English each semester in high school regardless of total credits earned

** California Education Code

High School Graduation Requirements (continued)

3. Complete four years of high school
4. Pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) in both language arts and mathematics, unless the student receives a waiver or exemption. (Education Code 49701, 51225.3, 60851, 60859)

The Superintendent shall ensure that parents are properly notified of progress towards graduation and will establish procedures for parent involvement and consultation in instances where a student has not met the credit, course, or High School Exit Exam requirements.

Alternative Education Options to Achieve Graduation

The Governing Board recognizes the need to provide opportunities for Alternative Education programs as part of the district instructional programs.

Alternative Education programs will provide alternative means for students to complete the prescribed course of study to graduate from the Huntington Beach Union High School District. These alternative means will include the same course outcomes per district standard.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

51224.5 Algebra instruction
51225.3 Requirements for graduation
51228 Graduation requirements
51240-51246 Exemptions from requirements
51250-51251 Assistance to military dependents
56390-56392 Recognition of educational achievement, special education
60850-60859 High school exit examination

CODE OF REGULATIONS

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

COURT DECISIONS

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

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