

# MIRA COSTA HIGH SCHOOL

## FOUR YEAR GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Subject/Grade	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	Semester/ Credits
English	Two semesters (10)	Two semesters (10)	Two semesters (10)	Two semesters (10)	Eight semesters (40 credits)
Mathematics*	Two semesters (10)	Two semesters (10)			Four semesters (20 credits)
Science**	Two semesters (10)	Two semesters (10)			Four semesters (20 credits)
Arts or Foreign Language					Two semesters (10 credits)
Social Studies		Two semesters (10)	Two semesters (10)	Two semesters (10)	Six semesters (30 credits)
Health/Adult Living					One semester (5 credits)
PE/Athletics***	Two semesters (10)	Two semesters (10)			Four semesters (20 credits)
Electives					Seventeen semesters (85 credits)
Minimum Credits Required					230

\* Must include first-year algebra or higher

\*\* Must include one year of physical and one year of biological science

\*\*\* Unless exempted pursuant to Ed. Code 51241

### CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAM

**In addition to the graduation requirements listed above, each student must pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE).**

The purpose of the CAHSEE is to ensure that students who graduate from high school demonstrate competency in the state content standards for reading, writing, and mathematics. All California public high school students completing grade 12 must pass the CAHSEE before receiving their high school diploma. More information on the test is available at the California Department of Education's CAHSEE home page.

The CAHSEE is divided into two parts: English-Language Arts and Mathematics. The English-Language Arts part of the CAHSEE addresses state content standards through grade 10. It consists of multiple-choice questions and one writing task. The multiple-choice section of the exam covers comprehension, vocabulary, and informational and literary reading. The writing section covers writing strategies, applications, and conventions.

The Mathematics part of the CAHSEE addresses the state content standards through first-year algebra. The Mathematics exam includes statistics, data analysis, probability, number sense, measurement and geometry, mathematical reasoning, and first-year algebra. Students also are asked to demonstrate a strong foundation in arithmetic including working with decimals, fractions, and percents. The Mathematics part of the exam consists of all multiple-choice items.