

# SUBJECT & CREDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

- A. A total of 230 credits earned in grades 9-12. Five credits awarded for each semester course.
- B. Included within the 230 credits that students must earn are:
1. Forty credits of English: English 9, English 10, English 11, English 12.
  2. Thirty credits of Mathematics: **Algebra I required, per Education Code §51224.5**
  3. Twenty credits of Science: Ten credits of the science requirement must be earned in grades 9-10, and ten credits earned in grades 11-12. Ten credits must be a biological science and ten credits must be a physical science.
  4. Ten credits of World History in grade 10.
  5. Ten credits of United States History in grade 11.
  6. Five credits of American Government in grade 12.
  7. Five credits of Economics in grade 12.
  8. Five credits of Health in grade 9.
  9. Twenty credits of Physical Education in grades 9-10.
  10. Ten credits of Visual/Performing Art
  11. Five credits of Practical Arts (defined as Business, Home Economics or Applied Technology)

**All students must pass the CAHSEE in language arts and math.**

## HIGH SCHOOL FOUR-YEAR PLAN

9		10		11		12	
English		English		English		English	
Math		Math		Math			
	Health (one sem.)	World History		U.S. History		Gov./Economics	
Science (one yr) Grade 9 or 10		Science (one year) Grade 11 or 12					
General P.E.		P.E.		Elective or Practical Art or VPA		Elective or Practical Art or VPA	
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**General Graduation Requirements:**

1. The student shall complete a minimum of 230 credits.
2. The student shall pass the CAHSEE in language arts and mathematics.
3. Algebra I is now a state-required graduation requirement.

English (40 Credits)	Mathematics Algebra I (30 Credits)	Social Studies (30 Credits)
Science (20 Credits) Biological (10) Physical (10)	Physical Education (20 Credits)	Health (5 Credits)
Practical Arts (5 Credits)	Visual/Performing Arts (10 Credits)	Electives (70 Credits)

# COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

- **COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

No specific course requirements must be met prior to entrance. Any student may attend a community college if she/he has achieved any **one** of the following:

- 18 years of age
- or
- A high school diploma

- **PRIVATE AND OUT-OF-STATE UNIVERSITIES:**

Most private and out-of-state universities/colleges follow the UC/CSU guidelines. For out-of-state universities, contact the schools directly for current information.

- **CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY/UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA:**

The following are minimum requirements for students planning to apply to the University of California or a California State University:

COURSES	
Social Science	2 years: World History, U.S. History/ Government
English	4 years: English 9, 10,11,12
Math	3 years of college prep math. 4 years is highly recommended. Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II
Science	2 years of lab science. 3 years of lab science is recommended.
Visual/Performing Arts	1 year of college prep course from Art, Music or Theater
World Languages	2 years same language*; 3 years is recommended.
Additional college prep elective	1 year of college prep electives
Test requirements	SAT I or ACT SAT II in two subject areas

\* Students with competency in a language other than English may qualify for an exemption.

For flexibility in college choices, students need to take more than the minimum requirements of college preparatory classes.

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AT YOUR SCHOOL SITE  
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