

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

BP 6146.1(a)

The following graduation requirements will be in effect when a six period day is implemented.

High School Graduation Requirements

Required Subjects	Required Units
English	40
Social Studies	
World Geography	5
World History and Cultures	10
U.S. History and Geography	10
American Government and Civics	5
Economics	5
Mathematics	20
Algebra 1	10
Science	
Physical Science	10
Biological Science	10
Physical Education	20
Fine Arts (art, music, drama or foreign language)	10
Health and First Aid (see #2)	5
Career Technical (beginning with the 2017 graduating class)	5
or Computer Literacy Skills (ending with the 2016 graduating class)	5
Electives	55
Total Units Required for Graduation	220

Clarifications:

1. Five (5) units of credit are earned for the successful completion of a course that meets the equivalent of five (5) regular periods per week for one (1) semester during the regular school year or sixty (60) clock hours during summer school.
2. The Health and First Aid curriculum must include all provisions listed in Education Code 51202: Instruction in Personal and Public Health and Safety; and in Education Code 51303: Instruction on Alcohol, Narcotics and Restricted Dangerous Drugs.
3. A student completing the complete year of AFJROTC 1 may count those ten (10) units of credit as meeting the ten (10) of twenty (20) units required of Physical Education and required for graduation.
4. Ten (10) units of Physical Education must be completed in regular PE classes. The remaining units may be completed through Weight Training classes, regular PE classes, or alternative PE options. AFJROTC 1 and 2 can count towards the 20 units of PE and meet the PE requirement.
5. Office Practice/Teacher Aide/Library Aide credit will be limited to twenty (20) units, with no more than ten (10) units earned per year.
6. Five (5) units of Career Technical instruction related to preparing students for career/college readiness. These units include, but are not limited to, student law, accounting, ROP courses, life skills, and environmental science.
7. Courses completed with a grade of "C-" or higher in both semesters may not be repeated to raise the student's GPA.
8. A student repeating the senior year will remain under the previous year's graduation requirements until the end of the first semester of the repeating year. At the beginning of the second semester of the repeating year, any and all changes in graduation requirements will be in effect.
9. Students not meeting the graduation requirements above will not participate in graduation activities nor receive a high school diploma. It is the Board's intent that parents be given early notification if their student is at risk of not meeting these requirements.
10. If a student can provide written documentation that he/she will receive a diploma from another school district, that student will be allowed to participate in the graduation activities at the MJUSD high school where they are enrolled.
11. Any exception to this policy will be made by appeal to the Board of Trustees.

The following graduation requirements will be in effect when a seven period day is implemented.

High School Graduation Requirements

Required Subjects	Required Units
English	40
Social Studies	
World Geography	5
World History and Cultures	10
U.S. History and Geography	10
American Government and Civics	5
Economics	5
Mathematics	20
Algebra 1	10
Science	
Physical Science	10
Biological Science	10
Physical Education	20
Fine Arts (art, music, drama or foreign language)	10
Health and First Aid (see #2)	5
Career Technical (beginning with the 2017 graduating class)	5
or Computer Literacy Skills (ending with the 2016 graduating class)	5
Electives	95
Total Units Required for Graduation	260

Clarifications:

1. Five (5) units of credit are earned for the successful completion of a course that meets the equivalent of five (5) regular periods per week for one (1) semester during the regular school year or sixty (60) clock hours during summer school.
2. The Health and First Aid curriculum must include all provisions listed in Education Code 51202: Instruction in Personal and Public Health and Safety; and in Education Code 51303: Instruction on Alcohol, Narcotics and Restricted Dangerous Drugs.
3. A student completing the complete year of AFJROTC 1 may count those ten (10) units of credit as meeting the ten (10) of twenty (20) units required of Physical Education and required for graduation.
4. Ten (10) units of Physical Education must be completed in regular PE classes. The remaining units may be completed through Weight Training classes, regular PE classes, or alternative PE options. AFJROTC 1 and 2 can count towards the 20 units of PE and meet the PE requirement.
5. Office Practice/Teacher Aide/Library Aide credit will be limited to twenty (20) units, with no more than ten (10) units earned per year.
6. Five (5) units of Career Technical instruction related to preparing students for career/college readiness. These units include, but are not limited to, student law, accounting, ROP courses, life skills, and environmental science.
7. Courses completed with a grade of "C-" or higher in both semesters may not be repeated to raise the student's GPA.
8. A student repeating the senior year will remain under the previous year's graduation requirements until the end of the first semester of the repeating year. At the beginning of the second semester of the repeating year, any and all changes in graduation requirements will be in effect.
9. Students not meeting the graduation requirements above will not participate in graduation activities nor receive a high school diploma. It is the Board's intent that parents be given early notification if their student is at risk of not meeting these requirements.
10. If a student can provide written documentation that he/she will receive a diploma from another school district, that student will be allowed to participate in the graduation activities at the MJUSD high school where they are enrolled.
11. As a seven period day is implemented, the credits required for graduation will be phased in incrementally. For the first year of implementation the senior class credits required for graduation will be 230 (electives 65), for the second year of implementation the senior class credits required will be 240 (electives 75), for the third year of implementation the senior class credits required will be 250 (electives 85), and for the fourth year of implementation the senior class and thereafter, the credits required will be 260 (electives 95).

12. Any exception to this policy will be made by appeal to the Board of Trustees.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for tracking each student's progress in meeting all District requirements for graduation.

Exemptions and Waivers

A foster youth, homeless student, former juvenile court school student, or child of a military family 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)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

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

(cf. 6173.3 - Education for Juvenile Court School Students)

Retroactive Diplomas

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)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

47612 Enrollment in charter school

48200 Compulsory attendance

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 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

51225.6 Compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation

51228 Graduation requirements

51240-51246 Exemptions from requirements

51250-51251 Assistance to military dependents

51410-51413 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

66204 Certification of high school courses as meeting university admissions criteria

67386 Student safety; affirmative consent standard

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CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

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

4600-4687 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, High School: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/hs>

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

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

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