



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 in accordance with Education Code 51225.1 and 49701. Furthermore, the passage of SB172 suspends the administration of the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) and removes the CAHSEE as a condition of graduation through July 31, 2018, pending future legislation. In order to receive a diploma of graduation, students shall complete the following requirements:

1. Total credits required: 220
(Including 155 credits from required courses; students may earn a maximum of 50 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
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

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3. Complete four years of high school

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, or course 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.

Retroactive Diplomas

Until July 31, 2018, any student who completed grade 12 in the 2003-04 school year or a subsequent school year and has met all applicable graduation requirements other than the passage of the high school exit examination shall be granted a high school diploma. (Education Code 60851.6)

The district may retroactively grant a high school diploma to a former student who was interned by order of the federal government during World War II or who is an honorably discharged veteran of World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, provided that he/she was enrolled in a district school immediately preceding the internment or military service and he/she did not receive a diploma because his/her education was interrupted due to the internment or military service. A deceased former student who satisfies these conditions may be granted a retroactive diploma to be received by his/her next of kin. (Education Code 51430)

In addition, the district may grant a diploma to a veteran who entered the military service of the United States while he/she was a district student in grade 12 and who had completed the first half of the work required for grade 12. (Education Code 51440)

High School Graduation Requirements (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

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
51228	Graduation requirements
51240-51246	Exemptions from requirements
51250-51251	Assistance to military dependents
51410-51412	Diplomas
51420-51427	High school equivalency certificates
51450-51455	Golden State Seal Merit Diploma
51745	Independent study restrictions
56390-56392	Recognition of educational achievement, special education
60851.5	Suspension of high school exit examination
60851.6	Retroactive diploma; completion of all graduation requirements except high school exit examination
66204	Certification of high school courses as meeting university admissions criteria
67386	Student safety; affirmative consent standard

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

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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