

Continuation High School Graduation Requirements

The following requirements are specific to AUSD's continuation high school program. Students who return to a comprehensive or other non-continuation program will be required to complete the standard AUSD graduation requirements outlined in BP 6146.1.

Course Requirements

To obtain a diploma of graduation from the district's continuation high school, AUSD students shall complete at least the following courses in grades 9-12, with each course being an equivalent of one year unless otherwise specified (Education Code [51225.3](#)):

1. Three courses in English. (Education Code [51225.3](#))
2. Two courses in mathematics, one which must be Algebra I. A student who completes coursework in grades 7 through 12 that meets or exceeds state academic content standards for Algebra I in less than two courses shall be considered to have met the requirement for Algebra I. Completion, prior to grade 9, of algebra coursework that meets or exceeds state academic content standards shall not exempt a student from the requirement to complete two mathematics courses in grades 9-12. (Education Code [51224.5](#) and [51225.3](#))
3. Two courses in laboratory sciences (including a year each in both biological and physical lab sciences). Students shall be counseled that foundational science requirements for state public college admission include completion of 1) Biology and 2) Chemistry or Physics. Students shall be counseled that two years of approved laboratory science are required for UC-CSU admission but that three years of lab science are recommended. (Education Code [51225.3](#))
4. Three courses in social studies, including United States history and geography; world history, culture, and geography; a one-semester course in American government and civics; and a one-semester course in economics. (Education Code [51225.3](#))
5. One course in visual and performing arts and one course in world language. For purposes of this requirement, American Sign Language shall qualify as a world language (Education Code [51225.3](#)). Students may substitute a course in career technical education for one of these required courses (Assembly Bill 1330). Students shall be counseled that one year of visual and performing arts and two years of world language are required for UC-CSU admission but three years of a world language are recommended for UC-CSU admission. This graduation requirement takes effect for students graduating in 2016 and thereafter.
6. Two courses in physical education, unless the student has been otherwise exempted pursuant to other sections of the Education Code (Education Code [51225.3](#)). Because the prescribed course of study may not accommodate the needs of some students, the Board shall provide alternative means for the completion of prescribed courses in accordance with law.
7. One course in current life issues (one semester).

The Superintendent or designee shall exempt or waive specific course requirements for foster youth or children of military families in accordance with Education Code [51225.3](#) and [49701](#).

1. Each student must complete a total of 200 credits for graduation.
2. Each student must attain a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of not less than 1.75.
3. Each student shall complete a total of 20 hours of community service work during the 10th, 11th, and/or 12th grade(s).
4. Each student must complete at least two (2) of the following community college experiences:

- a. Meet with a community college counselor
- b. Complete a community college course
- c. Create a community college online account
- d. Participate in an official tour of a community college campus

5. Each student must complete all of the following as part of a career planning course or portfolio:

- a. Resume
- b. Cover Letter
- c. Career Interest Survey/Inventory

Only passing grades of "D" or above will be used to establish credit. Class standing will be based upon the individual accumulation of credit as follows:

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Diploma of Graduation

Any student who meets all AUSD continuation school graduation requirements will receive an AUSD Diploma of Graduation and may participate in commencement exercises.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35186 Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures

3 7252 Supplemental instructional programs

37254 Supplemental instruction based on failure to pass exit exam by end of grade 12

3 7254.1 Required student participation in supplemental instruction

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

51225.3 Requirements 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

523 78 Supplemental school counseling program

56390-56392 Recognition for educational achievement, special education

60850-60859 High school exit examination

66204 Certification of high school courses as meeting university admissions criteria

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

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

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>

Policy ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

adopted: