

4. Forty credits in social studies, including United States History and Geography; World History, Culture and Geography; a one-semester course in American Government and Civics; a one-semester course in Geography; a one-semester course in Ethnic Studies and a one-semester course in Economics/Consumer Education. Up to and including until the graduating class of 2022, students can graduate with either Contemporary Global Issues or Ethnic Studies. From the graduating class of 2023 on, Ethnic Studies will replace Contemporary Global Issues as a graduation requirement.

5. Ten credits in visual or performing arts.

(cf. 6142.6 - Visual and Performing Arts Education)

6. Twenty credits in physical education, unless the student has been exempted pursuant to Education Code 51241

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education)

7. Ten credits in world languages.

8. Sixty five credits in electives.

9. Demonstrate proficiency in technology literacy.

10. Complete a service learning project or a senior project.

Exemptions and Waivers

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.

A foster youth, homeless student, former juvenile court school student, migratory children and newly arrived immigrant pupils 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 51225.2 and [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. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

(cf. 6146.2 - Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency)

(cf. [1312.3](#) - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. [5145.6](#) - Parental Notifications)

(cf. [6173](#) - Education for Homeless Children)

(cf. [6173.1](#) - Education for Foster Youth)

Retroactive Diplomas

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

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