

Beverly Hills USD

Board Policy

High School Graduation Requirements

BP 6146.1

Instruction

The Board of Education desires to prepare each student to obtain a diploma of high school graduation in order to provide students with opportunities for postsecondary education and/or employment.

(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)

(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

(cf. 6146.3 Reciprocity of Academic Credit)

Course Requirements

To obtain a diploma of graduation from high school, students shall complete at least the following courses in grades 9 through 12, which meet or exceed Education Code 51225.3 requirements and meet or exceed the University of California course requirements, with each course being one year unless otherwise specified: (Education Code 51225.3)

1. Earn 235 semester credits in grades 9-12 for the class of 2016-17; 230 semester credits in grades 9-12 for the class of 2018-19; 235 semester credits in grades 9-12 for the class of 2020 and beyond

2. English (40 Semester Credits in Grades 9-12)

English 9th grade	10 Semester Credits
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English 10th grade	10 Semester Credits
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English 11th grade	10 Semester Credits
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English 12th grade	10 Semester Credits
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May include ELD classes (Level 3 & 4)

(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)

3. Mathematics (30 Semester Credits in Grades 9-12, and the completion of Algebra, Geometry, and a third year of University of California Mathematics (c) approved Mathematics)

In alignment with Education Code 51224.5 students graduating in 2004 and beyond must complete coursework in grades 7-12 that meets or exceeds State Academic Content Standards for Algebra I. If any student completes coursework in grades 7 through 12 that meets or exceeds

state academic content standards for Algebra, those courses shall apply toward satisfying this mathematics requirement. (Education Code 51224.5)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)

Completion, prior to grade 9, of algebra coursework that meets or exceeds state academic content standards shall satisfy the algebra coursework requirement, but shall not exempt a student from the requirement to complete three mathematics courses in grades 9-12. (Education Code 51224.5)

4. History/Social Science (30 Semester Credits for Grades 9-12)

9th or 10th Grade World History/Geography 10 Semester Credits

11th Grade U.S. History 10 Semester Credits

12th Grade U.S. Government 5 Semester Credits

12th Grade Economics 5 Semester Credits

May include EL World History/U.S. History 20 Semester Credits

5. Science (25 Semester Credits in Grades 9-12)

Biological lab Science 10 Semester Credits

Physical lab Science 10 Semester Credits

Health 5 Semester Credits

6. Physical Education (20 Semester Credits in Grade 9 and Grades 10-12). Passing of 5/6 California Physical Fitness Standards by the completion of grade 10 Physical Education

9th Grade Physical Education 10 Semester Credits

10th -12th Grade Physical Education 10 Semester Credits

Elective opportunities in physical education may be provided for interested students in grades 11 and 12.

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education)

7. ~~Foreign-World~~ Language (20 Semester Credits in Grades 9-12) One year of foreign language equivalent credit from middle grades may be applied toward this requirement.

8. Visual or Performing Arts (10 Semester Credits in Grades 9-12 of the same course)

9. Elective Requirement (~~55-50~~ Semester Credits in Grades 9-12)

The Superintendent or designee shall exempt or waive specific course requirements for foster youth, homeless students, and children of military families in accordance with Education Code

51225.1 and 49701.

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

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

~~10. — Senior Plan (5 credits)~~

~~All Beverly Hills High School students will be guided by administration and counseling staff to complete the Beverly Hills High School Four Year/College and Career Plan. Students will complete the 5 credit requirement by attending counseling meetings and workshops that prepare students for a college or specialty school/program application upon graduation.~~

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)

Education Code 60851.5, as added by SB 172 (Ch. 572, Statutes of 2015), provides that the administration of the California High School Exit Examination and the requirement that each student completing grade 12 successfully pass the exam as a condition of receiving a diploma or graduating from high school are suspended ~~for the 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18 school years~~ from 2015 - forward.

All BHUSD students deserve the opportunity to be fully informed about and to participate in the course work required for California public university admission. BHUSD will provide every high school student with the current list of courses certified by the University of California (UC) as meeting course requirements, "a-g courses" for freshman admission to the California State University (CSU) and UC.

BHHS shall provide a full pre-collegiate program that includes adequate sections to accommodate all students and actively counsel students to enter these courses. There will be no policy or practice directing any student, especially for cultural or linguistic reasons, away from choosing a college preparatory program. (SB 1339 reinforces and extends existing Education Code 51228(a)).

~~The district shall provide a wide variety of safety net programs, including double periods of math classes, early morning classes, late afternoon classes, tutoring, mentoring and e-mentoring.~~

All courses used to satisfy graduation requirements shall be approved by the Board. Additional graduation requirements must be approved by the Board.

Remedial instruction shall be provided to any student who does not show adequate progress toward mastery of basic skills. This instruction may be provided in summer school and shall

offer the student numerous opportunities to achieve mastery. When a student does not show adequate progress, the Superintendent or designee shall inform a student's parent/guardian in writing that the student shall not receive a high school diploma unless the prescribed standards are met. 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 the law.

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
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 for 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, 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>

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