## Board Policy Manual <br> Azusa Unified School District

Policy 6146.1: High School Graduation Requirements
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The Governing Board desires to prepare all students to successfully complete the high school course of study and obtain a diploma that represents their educational achievement and increases their opportunities for postsecondary education and employment.

District students shall complete graduation course requirements as specified in Education Code 51225.3 and those adopted by the Board, except for students who are exempted as provided in "Exemptions from District-Adopted Graduation Requirements," below. Students who are exempted from district-adopted graduation requirements shall be eligible to participate in any graduation ceremony and school activity related to graduation in which other students are eligible to participate.

## Course Requirements

To obtain a high school diploma, students shall complete at least 220 required and elective semester units of instruction duringthe following courses in grades 9-12, with each course being one year unless otherwise specified:

1. Four courses in English (Education Code 51225.3)
2. Three courses in mathematics (Education Code 51225.3)

Students shall complete at least one mathematics course that meets the state academic content standards for Algebra I or Mathematics I. Students may complete such coursework prior to grade 9 provided that they also complete three mathematics courses in grades 9-12. (Education Code 51224.5)

Students may be awarded up to one mathematics course credit for successful completion of an approved computer science course that is classified as a "category $c$ " course based on the "a-g" course requirements for college admission, which may be counted toward additional graduation requirements in mathematics. (Education Code 51225.3, 51225.35)
3. Successful completion of an approved computer science course that is classified as a "category $C$ " course based on the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) "A-G" admission requirements shall be counted toward the satisfaction of additional graduation requirements in mathematics. (Education Code 51225.3, 51225.35)
4. Two courses in science, including biological and physical sciences (Education Code 51225.3)
5. Three courses in social studies, including United States (U.S.) 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)
6. Beginning with the class of 2022 , one course in visual or performing arts. One course in visual or performing arts. (Education Code 51223)
7. Beginning with the class of 2022 , One course in world language. For purposes of this requirement, a course in American Sign Language shall be deemed a course in world language. (Education Code 51225.3)
8. Two courses in physical education, unless the student has been otherwise exempted pursuant to other sections of the Education Code (Education Code 51225.3)
9. One course in Advanced Placement (AP), Career Technical Education (CTE), approved Dual Enrollment college course, or International Baccalaureate (IB) course. To be counted towards meeting graduation requirements, a CTE course shall be aligned to the CTE model curriculum standards and framework adopted by the State Board of Education.(Education Code 51225.
10. Beginning with the 2029-2030 school year, a one-semester in ethnic studies.(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.

## Exemptions from District-Adopted Graduation Requirements

Prior to the beginning of grade 10, the individualized education program (IEP) team for each student with disabilities shall determine whether the student is eligible for exemption from all coursework and other requirements adopted by the Board in addition to the statewide course requirements for high school graduation, and if so, shall notify the student's parent/guardian of the exemption. A student with disabilities shall be eligible for the exemption, if the student's IEP provides for both of the following requirements: (Education Code 51225.31)

1. Exemptions from District-Adopted Graduation Requirements

District students are requiredThat the student take the alternate assessment aligned to alternate achievement standards in grade 11 as described in Education Code 60640
2. That the student complete graduation course requirements state standards aligned coursework to meet the statewide coursework specified above, including the requirements imposed byin Education Code 51225.3-and those adopted by the Board. However

District students are required to complete graduation course requirements specified above, including the requirements imposed by Education Code 51225.3 and those adopted by the Board. However, a foster youth, homeless student, former jOuvenile court school student, child of a military family, or migrant student who transfers into the district or between district schools any time after completing the second year of high school, or a newly arrived immigrant student who is in the third or fourth year of high school and is participating in a newcomer program, shall be exempted from any graduation requirements adopted by the Board that are in addition to statewide course requirements. This exemption shall not apply if 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 the fourth year of high school.

In addition, a foster youth, homeless student, former juvenile court school student, child of a military family, or migrant student who transfers into the district or between district schools any time after completing the second year of high school, or a newly arrived immigrant student who is in the third or fourth year of high school and is participating in a newcomer program, shall be exempted from any graduation requirements adopted by the Board that are in addition to statewide course requirements. This exemption shall not apply if 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 the fourth year of high school.

Within 30 days of the transfer into a school by a foster youth, homeless student, former juvenile court school student, child of a military family, migrant student, or a newly arrived immigrant student, or of the commencement of participation in a newcomer program, as applicable, the Superintendent or designee shall notify any eligible student-of the availability of the exemption and whether the student qualifies for it. (Education Code 51225.1)

If during the 2020-21 school year a student was in the third or fourth year of high school and is not on track to graduate in four years, the district shall exempt the student from any local graduation requirements adopted by the Board that are in addition to statewide course requirements specified in Education Code 51225.3. (Education Code 51225)

## Additional Opportunities to Complete Required Coursework

The Superintendent or designee shall provide a student who was enrolled in the third or fourth year of high school during the 2020-21 school year and is not on track to graduate in the 2020-21 or 2021-22 school years the opportunity to complete the statewide coursework required for graduation, which may include, but is not limited to, completion of the coursework through a fifth year of instruction, credit recovery, or other opportunity to complete the required coursework. (Education Code 51225 , and others as required by law, of the availability of the exemption from local graduation requirements and whether the student qualifies for it. (Education Code 51225.1)

## 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)
In addition, the district may retroactively grant high school diplomas to former students who: (Education Code 48204.4, 51430, 51440)

1. Departed California against their will while in grade 12 and did not receive a diploma because the departure interrupted their education, provided that they were in good academic standing at the time of the departure

Persons may be considered to have departed California against their will if they were in custody of a government agency and were transferred to another state, were subject to a lawful order from a court or government agency that authorized their removal from California, were subject to a lawful order and were permitted to depart California before being removed from California pursuant to the lawful order, were removed or were permitted to depart voluntarily pursuant to the federal Immigration and Nationality Act, or departed due to other circumstances determined by the district that are consistent with the purposes of Education Code 48204.4.

In determining whether to award a diploma under these circumstances, the Superintendent or designee shall consider any coursework that may have been completed outside of the United StatesU.S. or through online or virtual courses.
2. Were interned by order of the federal government during World War II or are honorably discharged veterans of World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, provided that they were enrolled in a district high school immediately preceding the internment or military service and did not receive a diploma because their education was interrupted due to the internment or military service in those wars

Deceased former students who satisfy these conditions may be granted a retroactive diploma to be received by their next of kin.
3. Are veterans who entered the military service of the United StatesU.S. while in grade 12 and who had satisfactorily completed the first half of the work required for grade 12 in a district school
4. Were in their senior year of high school during the 2019-20 school year, were in good academic standing and on track to graduate at the end of the 2019-20 school year as of March 1, 2020, and were unable to complete the statewide graduation requirements as a result of the COVID-19 crisis

## Honorary Diplomas

The Board may grant an honorary high school diploma to:(Education Code 51225.5)

1. An international exchange student who has not completed the course of study ordinarily required for graduation and who is returning to the student's home country following the completion of one academic school year in the district
2. A student who is terminally ill

The honorary diploma shall be clearly distinguishable from the regular diploma of graduation awarded by the district. (Education Code 51225.5)

Policy Reference Disclaimer:These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

## State References

5 CCR 1600-1651
5 CCR 4600-4670
Ed. Code 220
Ed. Code 47612
Ed. Code 48200
Ed. Code 48204.4
Ed. Code 48412
Ed. Code 48430

## Description

Graduation of students from grade 12 and credit toward graduation
Uniform complaint procedures
Prohibition of discrimination
Average daily attendance in charter school
Compulsory attendance
Parents/guardians departing California against their will
Certificate of proficiency
Continuation education schools and classes

Ed. Code 48645.5
Ed. Code 48980
Ed. Code 49701
Ed. Code 51224
Ed. Code 51224.5
Ed. Code 51225.1
Ed. Code 51225.2
Ed. Code 51225.3
Ed. Code 51225.31
Ed. Code 51225.35
Ed. Code 51225.36

Ed. Code 51225.5
Ed. Code 51225.6

Ed. Code 51225.9
Ed. Code 51226.7
Ed. Code 51228
Ed. Code 51230
Ed. Code 51240-51246
Ed. Code 51250-51251
Ed. Code 51410-51413
Ed. Code 51420-51427
Ed. Code 51430
Ed. Code 51440
Ed. Code 51450-51455
Ed. Code 51744-51749.6
Ed. Code 56390-56392
Ed. Code 60640
Ed. Code 66204
Ed. Code 67386

## Management Resources References

Court Decision
Website

Website

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Former juvenile court school students; enrollment
Parent/Guardian notifications
Provisions of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children

Skills and knowledge required for adult life
Algebra in course of study for grades 7-12
Exemption from district graduation requirements
Course credits
High school graduation requirements
Exemption for students with disabilities
Mathematics course requirements; computer science
Instruction in sexual harassment and violence; districts that require health education for graduation

Honorary diplomas; foreign exchange and terminally ill students
Instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation; districts that require health education for graduation

Courses of Study, Grades 7 to 12; Career Technical Education
Model Curriculum in Ethnic Studies
Course of study; offerings and timely opportunity
Credit for community emergency response training
Exemptions from requirements
Assistance to military dependents
Diplomas
High school equivalency certificates
Retroactive high school diplomas
Credit and granting of diploma to veterans and members of the military service

Golden State Seal Merit Diploma
Independent study
Recognition for educational achievement; special education
California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress
Certification of high school courses as meeting university admission criteria
Student safety; affirmative consent standard

## Description

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