

CALIFORNIA REQUIREMENTS FOR A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Students entering high school in the fall of 2001, as established by the California legislature to begin with the graduating class of 2006, are the first group of students required to pass the California High School Exit Examinations as a condition of earning a high school diploma. The high school exit examinations assess identified academic content standards in English/Language Arts and Mathematics. Students must pass both components of the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) and meet the District course and credit requirements to earn a high school diploma.

Exit examinations are administered multiple times annually on dates established by the California State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The graduating class of 2006 and subsequent years must take the California High School Exit Examination beginning in grade 10. Students will only retake portions of the test not previously passed. Tests will be in English.

Students not demonstrating sufficient progress toward passing the exit examinations will be provided interventions. The content of the interventions will reflect District content standards in English/Language Arts and Mathematics and be designed to assist students to succeed on the exit examinations. Interventions are available during the regular school year and during summer school.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

	GRADE	CREDITS	COURSES	
ENGLISH (4 YEARS)	9	10	English 1, 1 Honors	TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED: 40
	10	10	English 2, 2 Honors	
	11	10	English 3, 3 Honors, AP English Language	
	12	10	English Electives	
HISTORY-SOCIAL SCIENCE (3 years)	9	10	World History Honors	TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED: 30
	10	10	World History or World History Honors	
	11	10	U.S. History or Advanced Placement U.S. History	
	12	5	Government or Advanced Placement Government	
	12	5	Economics or Advanced Placement Economics	
MATHEMATICS** (3 years)	9	10	9th grade appropriate math	TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED: 30
	10	10	10th grade appropriate math	
	11	10	11th grade appropriate math	
SCIENCE (2 years)	9 - 12	10	Two semesters of life science	TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED: 20
	9 - 12	10	Two semesters of physical science	
HEALTH	9 - 12	5	Health Science (1 semester)	TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED: 5
PHYSICAL EDUCATION (2 years)	9	10	Physical Education	TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED: 20
	10 - 12	10	Physical Education	
WORLD LANGUAGE or VISUAL ARTS/PERFORMING ARTS or CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION	9 - 12	10	World Language (1 year)	TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED: 10
	10	10	Visual Arts/Performing Arts (1 year) or Career Technical Education CTE (1 year)	
ELECTIVES*	9 - 12	70	All courses not taken for required course credit can be used for elective credit.	TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED: 70

***Elective courses should be selected to reflect the overall academic and career goals, interests, and abilities of the student.**

To graduate from a Moreno Valley Unified School District high school, a student must:

- Pass both components of the California High School Exit Exam
- Earn a minimum of 225 credits
- Earn 155 credits in required courses and 70 credits in electives
- Successfully complete Algebra 1 or Algebra AB/CD

Required and elective courses should be selected with a specific career/academic path in mind. Middle school students and their parents will complete a course planning guide. These plans should be revised and updated throughout middle and high school.

A Course Planning guide is included to assist in long-range academic planning. The guide offers a suggested flow of courses. Adjustments may be needed to meet individual needs. See your guidance counselor for assistance.

REQUIRED CREDIT TOTAL		MINIMUM ELECTIVE CREDIT TOTAL		PROFICIENCY GRADUATION REQUIREMENT TOTAL
155	+	70	=	225