

Red Bluff Joint Union HSD

Board Policy

High School Graduation Requirements

BP 6146.1

Instruction

The Governing Board desires to prepare all students to obtain a high school diploma to enable them to take advantage of opportunities for postsecondary education and employment.

(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)

(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

(cf. 6146.3 - Reciprocity of Academic Credit)

High School Diploma Credit Requirements:

* Beginning with Graduates in 2016 - 220 credits minimum/Seniors must be enrolled in six courses all year

* Beginning with Graduates in 2017 - 230 credits minimum/Seniors must be enrolled in at least six courses all year

* Beginning with Graduates in 2018 - 240 credits minimum/Seniors must be enrolled in at least six courses all year

* Beginning with Graduates in 2019 - 250 credits minimum/Seniors must be enrolled in at least six courses all year

To obtain a high school diploma, students shall complete at least the following courses in grades 9-12, with each course being one year unless otherwise specified:

Course Requirements for High School Diploma

English: 40 credits/ four year long classes

(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)

Mathematics: 40 credits - 10 credits can be in a math applications course

At least one mathematics course, or a combination of the two mathematics courses, shall meet or exceed state academic content standards for Algebra I or Mathematics I. Completion of such coursework prior to grade 9 shall satisfy the Algebra I or

Mathematics I requirement, but shall not exempt a student from the requirement to complete two 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. (Education Code 51225.3, 51225.35)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)

(cf. 6152.1 - Placement in Mathematics Courses)

Science: 30 credits- Including biological and physical sciences (Education Code 51225.3).

Social Science: 30 credits - 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)

(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)

(cf. 6142.93 - History-Social Science Instruction)

10 credits/1 year long course in visual or performing arts, foreign language, including American Sign Language, or career technical education (CTE) (Education Code 51225.3)

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.

Career Technical Education Course Sequence:

* Beginning with Graduates in 2017 - 10 credits

* Beginning with Graduates in 2018 - 10 credits

* Beginning with Graduates in 2019 - 20 credits in the same pathway

(cf. 6142.2 - World/Foreign Language Instruction)

(cf. 6142.6 - Visual and Performing Arts Education)

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)

Two courses in physical education, unless the student has been otherwise exempted pursuant to other sections of the Education Code (Education Code 51225.3)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

FROSH Success: 10 credits/one year long course (health, career and academic planning, and technology)

Completion of senior portfolio and exit interview.

Electives: 50 credits

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.

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

The principal shall have the authority to waive course and/or credit requirements so that transfer students can fulfill graduation requirements at the end of grade 12. The principal shall have the authority to validate courses other than those listed to fulfill graduation requirements. The principal does not have the legal authority to waive the state high school exit exam.

Seniors must be enrolled in at least five courses at Red Bluff High School in the spring and fall semesters, which may include Work Experience Education, Independent Study, Special Education, or any other course study authorized by the Governing Board which is equivalent to the approved high school course of study. Students in grades nine through eleven must be enrolled in seven periods at Red Bluff High School.

Continuation High School Requirements

All requirements are the same except for the Career Technical Education course sequence, senior portfolio, and exit interview requirements.

Certificate of Completion

1. Completed an IEP approved alternative functional academic/lifeskills course of study
2. Participated in an alternative assessment to the SBAC in 10th and 11th Grade
3. Met objectives of the statement of the transition services

Certificate of Credit Completion

Complete all diploma requirements as outlined in "High School Diploma Credit Requirements" above, but was unsuccessful in passing both parts of the state high school exit exam

The number of successfully completed year long courses required to be on track to graduate in comprehensive high school are:

- 0-7 Completion of grade 9
- 8-14 Completion of grade 10

- 15-21 Completion of grade 11
- 22-25 Completion of grade 12

Students shall not be required to have resided within the district for any minimum length of time as a condition of high school graduation. (Education Code 51411)

The Superintendent or designee shall exempt or waive specific course requirements for foster youth or children of military families in accordance with Education Code 51225.1 and 49701.

- (cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)
- (cf. 6173.2 - Education for Children of Military Families)

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)

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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