

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)

(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)

(cf. 5149 - At-Risk Students)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

(cf. 6146.3 - Reciprocity of Academic Credit)

(cf. 6146.5 - Elementary/Middle School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

Course Requirements

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:

1. ~~Four~~ **Three** courses in English (40 credits) (Education Code 51225.3) **and passing score on required writing benchmarks.**

(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)

2. ~~Three~~ **Two** courses (30 credits) in mathematics (Education Code 51225.3)

At least one mathematics course, or a combination of the ~~three~~ **two** mathematics courses required for completion in grades 9-12 shall meet or exceed state academic content standards for Algebra I and Geometry. (Education Code 51224.5)

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)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)

3. Two courses in science, including biological (10 credits) and physical sciences (10 credits) (Education Code 51225.3)
4. Four courses in social sciences, including United States history (10 credits) and; world history (10 credits), a one-semester course in American government and civics (5 credits); and a one-semester course in economics (5 credits). (Education Code 51225.3)

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(cf. 6142.3 – Civic Education)
(cf. 6142.93 – History-Social Science Instruction)

5. One course in foreign language, including American Sign Language, or career technical education (10 credits). (Education Code 51225.3)

To be counted towards meeting graduation requirements, a course in career technical education shall be aligned to the career technical model curriculum standards and framework adopted by the State Board of Education.

(cf. 6142.2 – World/Foreign Language Instruction)
(cf. 6178 – Career Technical Education)
(cf. 6178.2 – Regional Occupational Center/Program)

6. Two courses (20 credits) in physical education, unless the student has been exempted pursuant to other sections of the Education Code. (Education Code 51225.3)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education Activity)

7. One course in visual or performing arts (10 credits)
8. Completion of elective credits as indicated in Exhibit E 6146.1.
9. The State health standards requirement will be met in the Freshman Seminar course.

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

10. **Community Service**
Average of five (5) hours per year or twenty (20) hours during four (4) years of high school.

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)
(cf. 6146.2 - Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency)

The Superintendent or designee shall exempt or waive specific course requirements for foster youth or children of military families in accordance with Education Code 51225.3 and 49701.

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

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Attendance

Students must have cumulative 94% attendance record while enrolled at Point Arena High School and South Coast continuation High School in order to graduate from Point Arena High School District.

2016-2017 Senior Class – 94% cumulative attendance senior year.

2016-2017 Junior Class – 94% cumulative attendance in Junior and Senior year.

2016-2017 Sophomore Class – 94% cumulative attendance in Sophomore, Junior and Senior year.

2016-2017 Freshman Class and all others – 94% cumulative attendance while enrolled at Point Arena High School.

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 receive a diploma because his/her education was interrupted due to the internment or military service. (Education Code [51430](#))

The district also may retroactively grant a diploma to a deceased former student who satisfies the above conditions. The diploma shall be received by the deceased student's next of kin. (Education Code [51430](#)).

In addition, the district may grant a diploma to a veteran who entered the military service of the United States while he/she was a district student in grade 12 and who had completed the first half of the work required for grade 12. (Education Code [51440](#))

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

[37252](#) Supplemental instructional programs

[37254](#) Eligible student rate of funding

[37254.1](#) Required student participation in supplemental instruction

[47612](#) Enrollment in charter school

[48200](#) Compulsory attendance

[48412](#) Certificate of proficiency

[48430](#) Continuation education schools and classes

[48645.5](#) Acceptance of coursework

[48980](#) Notification of parent/guardian

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51224 Skills and knowledge required for adult life

51224.5 Algebra instruction

51225.3 Requirements 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

60850-60859 High school exit examination

66204 Certification of high school courses as meeting university admissions criteria

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

1600-1651 Graduation of pupils from grade 12 and credit toward graduation

COURT DECISIONS

O'Connell v. Superior Court (Valenzuela), (2006) 141 Cal.App.4th 1452

Management Resources:

CSBA POLICY ADVISORIES

Preparing for the High Stakes of the High School Exit Exam: An Examination of Certificates of Completion, September 2005

Algebra I Requirement: Eligibility for High School Diplomas, March 2004

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, California High School Exit Examination: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs>

**Policy
adopted:**

**ARENA UNION ELEMENTARY/POINT ARENA JT. UHSD
June 22, 2016
Point Arena, California**

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COURSE	SCHS CREDITS REQUIRED	PAHS (CREDITS REQUIRED)
English	40 30	40 30
Foreign Language, or Career Technical Education	10	10
Visual and Performing Arts	10	10
History – Social Science (Required: 10 credits, World Studies, 5 credits, Economics, 10 credits, U. S. History, 5 credits, Civics)	30	30
Mathematics (Required: 10 credits Algebra, 10 credits of Geometry)	20 (30 in 2015)	30 20
Physical Education/Health	20	20
Science (Required: 10 credits Life Science, 10 credits Physical Science)	20	20
Electives	70 (50 in 2015)	90
TOTAL CREDITS	220 210	250 230

Community Service	(20 hours required for all students)
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**Exhibit
Adopted:**

**ARENA UNION ELEMENTARY/POINT ARENT JT. UHSD
March 11, 2015
Point Arena, California**

Dropped Computer Application (10 credits) 3/11/15