

Liberty Union High School District

Board Policy

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Subject: Graduation Requirements for Independence
High School

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To qualify for a diploma of graduation, a student must pass 230 semester units in grades 9 through 12. One hundred fifty-five (155) of those semester units must be selected in accordance with the content or subject area minimum requirements indicated below. All students will follow the program shown.

Where a course is applicable to more than one subject area requirement, the units will be counted only once.

Basic Requirements

Content or Subject Area	Required Units	Required Courses or Program
Fine Arts or Foreign Language	10	Any approved Visual and Performing Arts or Foreign Language Course.
English	40	<u>Grade 9</u> (10 units) English I <u>Grade 10</u> (10 Units) English II <u>Grade 11</u> (10 units) English III <u>Grade 12</u> (10 units) English IV Or any other approved course. ELD 3 may be used for 10 units of the English requirement.
Mathematics	30	Curricular content of Algebra 1 and Geometry 1A and additional coursework to equal 30 credits
Physical Education	20	Physical Education - Grade 9 (10 units) Physical Education - Grades 10, 11, 12 (10 units)
Science	20	Any course approved for science credit. Course must include: Biological Science (10 units) Physical Science (10 units)
Health	5	Health
Social Science	30	World History - Grades 10 (10 units) US. History - Grade 11 (10 units) American Government - Grade 12 (5 units) Economics - Grade 12 (5 units)
Basic Requirements	155	
Elective Units	75 units	
Total	230 Units	

Standards and Benchmarks

The Standards and Assessment Program provides a clear definition of the knowledge and skills that students must demonstrate in all subject areas in order to graduate from high school. Students are expected to achieve the identified standards within the coursework required for graduation.

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Each year thereafter, each student completing grade 12 shall successfully pass the state exit examinations in language arts and mathematics as a condition of high school graduation. Students shall take the exit examination in grade 10 and may take the examination during each subsequent administration until each section of the examination has been passed.

Supplemental instruction will be required of any student who does not demonstrate "sufficient progress" toward passing standardized assessments.

Pupils who have not passed one or both parts of California High School Exit Exam by the end of grade 12 are entitled to receive intensive instruction and service for up to two consecutive academic years after completion of grade 12 or until they pass both parts of the California High School Exit Exam.

Fourth Year Limitation

Students may earn no more than 90 units from all sources in the calendar year prior to their graduation (September-June). Appeals for exception to this policy may be approved by the site principal under special circumstances.

Legal Reference: EDUCATION CODE

35186 Williams Uniform complaint procedure
37252 Summer school instructional programs
48430 Continuation education schools and classes
51224 Skills and knowledge required for adult life
51225.3 Requirements for graduation
51225.5 Honorary diplomas; foreign exchange students
51230 American government and civics
51240-51246 Exemptions from requirements
51410-51411 Diplomas
51420-51442 High school equivalency certificates
51450-51455 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma
60850-60856 High school exit exam
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
1600-1651 Graduation of pupils from grade 12 and credit toward graduation