

BOARD POLICY

Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District

Students

5128.4 - BP

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION FROM ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL (INDEPENDENT STUDY)

The Board of Education establishes the following requirements for the satisfactory completion of the alternative high school program of study and for the granting of the diploma of graduation. The student will:

1. Successfully complete a minimum of 210 credits. (To be applied toward the completion of this requirement, any credit taken outside of the district program while attending a district high school must be approved in advance by the principal or his designee and by the parent/guardian and must relate to identified goals of the student.)
2. Successfully complete the specific requirements as indicated below:
 - A. Language Arts: 4 years.....40 credits
 - Language Arts 1.....10 credits
 - Language Arts 2.....10 credits
 - Language Arts 3.....10 credits
 - Language Arts 4 or approved
 - Language Arts electives.....10 credits
 - B. Mathematics: 2 years.....20 credits

Ten (10) credits of Algebra I or its equivalent as established in administrative regulations are required for graduation. Acceptable completion of this course prior to ninth grade will meet this requirement.
 - C. Social Science: 3 years.....30 credits
 - World History/Culture/Geography..... 10 credits
 - U.S. History/Geography..... 10 credits
 - U.S. Government..... 5 credits
 - Economics..... 5 credits
 - D. Science: 2 years.....20 credits

To include instruction in biological and physical science
 - E. Physical Education/Wellness.....20 credits

- F. Visual or Performing Arts, World Language, Career Technical Education10 credits
 Visual or Performing Arts includes courses from the fields of art, music, drama, humanities, and dance. Dance may not be taken for both fine arts and physical education credit.
- G. Health Education.....5 credits
- H. Career Education.....5 credits
- I. Service Learning/Community Service.....5 credits
 (Beginning with the class of 2004) Not more than 5 additional credits may be earned as elective credit.
- J. Elective Courses.....55 credits

NOTE: In accordance with Education Code 51225.3, alternative means for students to complete the above prescribed courses of study may be developed and implemented with the approval of the Superintendent or designee.

- 3. Beginning with the class of 2006 each student completing grade 12 shall have successfully passed the state high school exit examination (CAHSEE) in language arts and mathematics as a condition of high school graduation. (Education Code 60851, 60859)
- 4. Maintain an acceptable level of citizenship during the period of high school enrollment up to and including the final graduation ceremony.

Transfer students must meet all requirements for high school graduation established by the State of California. Transfer students who had met the requirements of their former districts prior to enrollment will be required to meet only those requirements of this district which may reasonably be expected during the time remaining in the normal four-year period of attendance. A minimum of 20 credits must be completed in residence. An evaluation indicating remaining requirements shall be made immediately upon receipt of transfer records. This evaluation shall be interpreted to each student and parent/guardian concerned. Principals or their designated representatives shall have the authority to exercise discretion in this matter.

Principals are designated the authority to resolve issues which may arise in the transition periods caused by changes in graduation requirements. Administrative regulations shall be developed to facilitate the implementation of this policy.

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