

# Mt. Diablo USD

## Board Policy

### Graduation Requirements

BP 6146

#### Instruction

#### Graduation Requirements for Regular High School Students

1. The recommended program for graduation is 200 semester units.
2. All candidates for graduation shall pass the following basic courses:

	Credits	Years
English	40	4
Science	20**	2
World Civilizations	10	1
U.S. History	10	1
U.S. Government/Economics	10	1
P.E.	20	2
Mathematics	20	2
Fine Arts or Foreign Language	10	1
	<u>140</u>	

\*\* To include Biological and Physical Sciences

In addition to the basic course of study, every student shall have passed the California High School Exit Exam as required by California state law, beginning with the class of 2006. The classes of 2004 and 2005 will have the California High School Exit Exam requirement waived.

3. Students entering a district high school with 10th, 11th, or 12th grade standing from schools where course and semester period requirements differ from those of the district, will not be required to make up courses and semester periods included in the program at earlier levels. For the balance of the time that such students are enrolled in one of the high schools of the district, they will be expected to meet the requirements.
4. Correspondence courses may not be taken for credit. Students wanting to concurrently enroll in courses offered at public two and four year institutions must have site level principal approval prior to enrollment if the units and/or grade(s) are to be accepted by the district.

Courses offered at the high school are expected to be taken at the school. Exceptions are made by the principal's pre-approval if the student's schedule is impacted and, occasionally, if a course needs to be made up. The principal's decision is subject to review by the Superintendent or designee.

#### Graduation Requirements for Regular High School Students (continued)

5. The maximum number of units to be earned for graduation during the four years of high school in the areas stipulated below are:

- a. Exploratory Work Experience Education
- General Work Experience Education 40 units
- Vocational Work Experience Education

Units may be earned in any one area or a combination of any of the three areas.

- b. Teaching Assistants of any kind
- Student Aides of any kind
- Student Assistants of any kind 20 units
- Any Volunteer

Units may be earned in any one area or a combination of any of the four areas.

- c. Physical Education (See #7) 20 units

6. Students may enroll in a high school in the district up to the last day of any semester of school. Based on information provided by the previous school of attendance, semester period credit (not to exceed a total of 40 credits for any given semester) shall be granted, at the discretion of the principal, to any students who enter from another school district jurisdiction.

7. Students are to be enrolled in physical education for their first two years in high school unless individually exempted in accordance with the Education Code. The maximum credit which may be earned for graduation in physical education is 40 units.

8. Students in grades 9-12 in the comprehensive high schools will be allowed credit to a maximum of 40 units per semester or 80 units during the school year. In addition, students will be allowed 15 units of credit annually from summer school participation. Principals may allow students to exceed the 40 unit limit in cases where students have fallen behind in acquiring units. The principal's decision in waiving the 40 units is subject to review by the Superintendent or assigned designee.

9. For students enrolled in the district, a diploma of graduation and related participation in any applicable graduation ceremonies shall not be conditioned upon a student's residence within the district for any minimum length of time or attendance at a specific school for any minimum length of time.

Diploma Requirements

Regular High School  
200 credits

Subjects:

<u>English</u>	<u>40 credits</u>
<u>Social Studies</u>	<u>30 credits</u>
<u>Mathematics</u>	<u>20 credits</u>
<u>Science</u>	<u>20 credits</u>
<u>Fine Arts or</u>	
<u>Foreign Lang.</u>	<u>10 credits</u>
<u>Physical Ed.</u>	<u>20 credits</u>
<u>Electives</u>	<u>60 credits</u>

Passing of the CAHSEE from 2006 and beyond

Olympic/Necessary  
Small High School  
180 credits

Subjects:

<u>English</u>	<u>40 credits</u>
<u>Social Studies</u>	<u>30 credits</u>
<u>Mathematics</u>	<u>20 credits</u>
<u>Science</u>	<u>20 credits</u>
<u>Fine Arts or</u>	
<u>Foreign Lang.</u>	<u>10 credits</u>
<u>Physical Ed.</u>	
<u>Electives</u>	<u>40 credits</u>

Passing of the CAHSEE from 2006 and beyond

Center for  
Independent Study  
200 credits

Subjects:

<u>English</u>	<u>40 credits</u>
<u>Social Studies</u>	<u>30 credits</u>
<u>Mathematics</u>	<u>20 credits</u>
<u>Science</u>	<u>20 credits</u>

Fine Arts or  
Foreign Lang. 10 credits  
Physical Ed.  
Electives 40 credits  
No more than 30  
credits from P.E.

Passing of the CAHSEE from 2006 and beyond

Adult School  
180 credits

Subjects:

English 40 credits  
Social Studies 30 credits  
Mathematics 20 credits  
Science 20 credits  
Fine Arts or  
Foreign Lang. 10 credits  
Physical Ed. No transfer credit for P.E.  
Electives 60 credits

Passing of the CAHSEE from 2006 and beyond

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