

Graduation Requirements

Graduation will be authorized by the Board of Education and a diploma will be granted to all students who have earned a minimum of 215 semester units of credit during grades 9-12, pass the [High School Exit Exam](#), and meet Irvine Unified School District diploma requirements.

Note: A course taken for a single block for a semester, or a double block every other day for a semester, normally earns five semester units of credit. A course taken for a double block every day for a semester, normally earns ten semester units of credit. A course counts in only one category. For planning purposes, the following is provided.

Content Area	High School Diploma Requirements	UC/CSU Minimum Course Requirements
English May include 10 units of ELD 2	Classes of 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 = 30 Effective class of 2011 = 40	40*
Mathematics	20 Must include Alg I	30* Must complete Alg II
Science	20	20*
Social Science	30	30*
Social Science units must include:		
World Studies	[10]	[10]*
American History	[10]	[10]*
American Government	[5]	[5]*
Economics	[5]	[5]*
Foreign Language		20*
Fine Arts		10*
Foreign Language or Fine Arts (10 units of one or 10 of the other)	10	
Physical Ed	20	20
Health	Classes of 2007 through 2011= 2.5 Effective class of 2012 = 5	2.5
U.C. Elective		10*
Elective	82.5 Effective class of 2012 = 70	32.5
Total Units	215	215

* U.C. Approved Courses