

# **Ukiah USD**

## **Board Policy**

### **High School Graduation Requirements**

BP 6146.1

#### **Instruction**

The Board of Education desires to prepare all students to obtain a high school diploma so that they can take advantage of opportunities for postsecondary education and employment.

(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)

(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

(cf. 6146.3 - Reciprocity of Academic Credit)

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 the law.

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

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

(cf. 6146.4 - Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities)

#### **Course Requirements**

##### **Ukiah High School / Ukiah Independent Study Academy**

To obtain a diploma of graduation from high school, the student must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 230 credits, not more than 40 of which may be in Physical Education, including:

1. Four (4) years in English (Education Code 51225.3);
2. Two courses in mathematics (Education Code 51225.3)

At least one mathematics course, or a combination of the two mathematics courses, shall meet or exceed state academic content standards for Algebra I or Mathematics I. Completion of such coursework prior to grade 9 shall satisfy the Algebra I or Mathematics I requirement, but shall not exempt a student from the requirement to complete two mathematics courses in grades 9-12. (Education Code 51224.5);

3. Two (2) years in science, including biological and physical science (Education Code 51225.3);

4. Three (3) years in social studies, including U.S. History and geography; world history, culture, and geography, American government and civics, and economics (Education Code 51225.3);
5. One (1) year of visual or performing arts, or foreign language, *including American Sign Language*, or Career Technical Education (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;
6. Two (2) years in physical education, unless the student has been exempted (Education Code 51225.3);
7. Elective courses of study: 90 credits;
8. A record of responsible citizenship.

The standards of proficiency prescribed for the satisfactory completion of the above courses shall be a letter grade of A, B, C, or D.

#### Certificate of Educational Achievement

To obtain a Certificate of Educational Achievement, the student must satisfactorily complete the following (Education Code 56390):

1. A prescribed alternative course of study described in the student's Individual Educational Plan;
2. Make progress toward the transition goals of that plan; and
3. Hold a record of responsible citizenship

#### South Valley High School

To obtain a diploma of graduation from South Valley High School, the student must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 180 credits, not more than 20 of which may be in Physical Education, including:

1. Four (4) years in English (Education Code 51225.3);
2. Two courses in mathematics (Education Code 51225.3)

At least one mathematics course, or a combination of the two mathematics courses, shall meet or exceed state academic content standards for Algebra I or Mathematics I. Completion of such coursework prior to grade 9 shall satisfy the Algebra I or Mathematics I requirement, but shall not exempt a student from the requirement to complete two mathematics courses in grades

9-12. (Education Code 51224.5)

3. Two (2) years in science, including biological and physical science (Education Code 51225.3);

4. Three (3) years in social studies, including U.S. History and geography; world history, culture, and geography, American government and civics, and economics (Education Code 51225.3);

5. One (1) year of visual or performing arts, or foreign language, , ***including American Sign Language***, or Career Technical Education (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;

6. Two (2) years in physical education, unless the student has been exempted (Education Code 51225.3);

7. Elective courses of study: 40 credits

8. A record of responsible citizenship.

The standards of proficiency prescribed for the satisfactory completion of the above courses shall be a letter grade of A, B, C, or D.

#### Ukiah Adult School

Based on the authority of SB1 and the provisions in 5 CCR, the graduation requirements for Ukiah Adult School shall be the satisfactory completion of a minimum of 180 credits, not more than 20 of which may be in Physical Education, including:

1. Four (4) years in English (Education Code 51225.3);

2. Two courses in mathematics (Education Code 51225.3)

At least one mathematics course, or a combination of the two mathematics courses, shall meet or exceed state academic content standards for Algebra I or Mathematics I. Completion of such coursework prior to grade 9 shall satisfy the Algebra I or Mathematics I requirement, but shall not exempt a student from the requirement to complete two mathematics courses in grades 9-12. (Education Code 51224.5)

3. Two (2) years in science, including biological and physical science (Education Code 51225.3);

4. Three (3) years in social studies, including U.S. History and geography; world history, culture, and geography, American government and civics, and economics (Education Code

51225.3);

5. One (1) year of visual or performing arts, or foreign language, , ***including American Sign Language***, or Career Technical Education (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;

6. Two (2) years in physical education, unless the student has been exempted (Education Code 51225.3);

7. Elective courses of study: 40 credits

8. A record of responsible citizenship.

The standards of proficiency prescribed for the satisfactory completion of the above courses shall be a letter grade of A, B, C, or D.

Sources and credit allowed for students entering the Ukiah Adult School are as follows:

1. Previous schooling in high school, regional occupational program, or other adult school - unlimited credit for coursework other than religion will be accepted credit for credit;

2. Community college/higher education - 3-1/3 credits for each credit of advanced work;

3. Correspondence courses from approved schools including United States Armed Forces Institute - unlimited credit for credit;

4. Service school courses verified from DD214 (Service school verified by proper authority) - basic training - 20 credits. Elective credit will be the equivalent of one credit for each 12 hours of class;

5. Armed Service experience - maximum 20 credits. Ten per semester equivalent of service time;

6. Work Experience - 10 elective credits for each six months continuous, fulltime employment, verified on company letterhead, signed by company official. Maximum allowed is 40 credits;

7. General Educational Development (GED) Test - Credit varies according to test scores. See below.

GED Testing is an integral part of the district's adult school graduation program. The test, a competency-based academic test, attempts to evaluate general educational development. The GED test is offered to those over 18 years of age.

The examinee's test scores on each section of the test will be evaluated for high school credit on the following basis:

Score of Test Area	Score of Credit Area	Score of 145-164	165-174	175-200
Social Studies	Elective	5	10	15
Science	Science	5	10	15
Reading/Lit.	English	5	10	15
Mathematics	Math	5	10	15

The maximum required credit that can be earned in each of the four test areas is 15.

The entire GED test must be completed and passed. In no case will a high school diploma be awarded for only taking and passing the GED test. GED Testing Service allows individuals to take the test three times without any waiting period. After the third attempt, test-takers must wait 60-days after their last attempt before they can test again. A fee is charged for taking each test as required and allowed by State GED guidelines.

Residency requirements: Five credits must be completed in residency at the Ukiah Adult School. These credits cannot be earned by passing the GED.

Diplomas will be awarded to those meeting the graduation requirements, who are approved by the principal, and approved by the Board.

#### Exemptions and Waivers *from District-Adopted Graduation Requirements*

***District students are required to complete graduation course requirements specified above, including the requirements imposed by Education Code 51225.3 and those adopted by the Board. However, a*** A foster youth, homeless student, former juvenile court school student, child of a military family, ***or*** migrant student, ~~or newly arrived immigrant student participating in a newcomer program~~ who transfers into the district ***or between district schools*** any time after completing the second year of high school, ***or a newly arrived immigrant student who is in the third or fourth year of high school and is participating in a newcomer program***, shall be required to complete all graduation requirements specified in Education Code 51225.3 but shall be exempted from any additional district-adopted graduation requirements ***adopted by the Board that are in addition to statewide course requirements. This exemption shall not apply if, unless*** the Superintendent or designee makes a finding that the student is reasonably able to complete the requirements in time to graduate by the end of the fourth year of high school. Within 30 days of the transfer ***or of the commencement of participation in a newcomer program, as applicable, the Superintendent or designee shall notify*** any such ***eligible*** student ~~shall be notified of the~~ availability of the exemption and whether the student qualifies for it. (Education Code 51225.1)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)  
(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)  
(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)  
(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)  
(cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)  
(cf. 6173.3 - Education for Juvenile Court School Students)  
(cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)

### ***Retroactive Diplomas***

***Any student who completed grade 12 in the 2003-04 through 2014-15 school year and met all applicable graduation requirements other than the passage of the high school exit examination shall be granted a high school diploma. (Education Code 51413)***

In addition, the district may retroactively grant high school diplomas to: (Education Code 48204.4, 51430, 51440)

1. Persons who departed California against their will while in grade 12 and did not receive a diploma because the departure interrupted their education, provided that they were in good academic standing at the time of the departure

Persons may be considered to have departed California against their will if they were in custody of a government agency and were transferred to another state, were subject to a lawful order from a court or government agency that authorized their removal from California, were subject to a lawful order and were permitted to depart California before being removed from California pursuant to the lawful order, were removed or were permitted to depart voluntarily pursuant to the federal Immigration and Nationality Act, or departed due to other circumstances determined by the district that are consistent with the purposes of Education Code 48204.4.

In determining whether to award a diploma under these circumstances, the Superintendent or designee shall consider any coursework that may have been completed outside of the United States or through online or virtual courses.

2. Former students who were interned by order of the federal government during World War II or who are honorably discharged veterans of World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, provided that they were enrolled in a district school immediately preceding the internment or military service and did not receive a diploma because their education was interrupted due to the internment or military service in those wars

Deceased former students who satisfy these conditions may be granted a retroactive diploma to be received by their next of kin.

3. Veterans who entered the military service of the United States while in grade 12 and who had satisfactorily completed the first half of the work required for grade 12 in a district school.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

47612 Enrollment in charter school  
48200 Compulsory attendance  
48412 Certificate of proficiency  
48430 Continuation education schools and classes  
48645.5 Acceptance of coursework  
48980 Required notification at beginning of term  
49701 Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children  
51224 Skills and knowledge required for adult life  
51224.5 Algebra instruction  
51225.1 Exemption from district graduation requirements  
51225.2 ~~Pupil~~ **Pupil** in foster care defined; acceptance of coursework, credits, retaking of course  
51225.3 High school graduation  
51225.35 Mathematics course requirements; computer science  
51225.36 Instruction in sexual harassment and violence; districts that require health education for graduation  
51225.5 Honorary diplomas; foreign exchange students  
51225.6 Compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
51228 Graduation requirements  
51240-51246 Exemptions from requirements  
51250-51251 Assistance to military dependents  
51410-51413 Diplomas  
51420-51427 High school equivalency certificates  
51430 Retroactive high school diplomas  
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51450-51455 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma  
51745 Independent study restrictions  
56390-56392 Recognition for educational achievement, special education  
66204 Certification of high school courses as meeting university admissions criteria  
67386 Student safety; affirmative consent standard

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

1600-1651 Graduation of students from grade 12 and credit toward graduation  
4600-4687 Uniform complaint procedures

COURT DECISIONS

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

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education, High School: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/hs>

University of California, List of Approved a-g Courses:

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/freshman/requirements>

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