

North Monterey Co USD

Instruction

AR 6146.1

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Notifications

Requirements for graduation and specified alternative means for completing the prescribed course of study, and information about the availability of exemptions from local graduation requirements and/or shall credit recovery options available pursuant to Education Code 51225 shall be made available to students, parents/guardians, and the public.

Within 30 days of transfer into a school by a foster youth, homeless student, former juvenile court school student, child of a military family, migrant student, or newly arrived immigrant student, the Superintendent or designee shall notify any eligible student of the availability of the exemption from local graduation requirements under Education Code 51225.1 and whether the student qualifies for it. (Education Code 51225.1)

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

(cf. 6145.6 - International Exchange)

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

In the annual notification sent to parents/guardians pursuant to Education Code 48980, the Superintendent or designee shall include the following: (Education Code 48980)

1. Information about district high school graduation requirements and how each requirement satisfies or does not satisfy the subject matter requirements for admission to the California State University and the University of California
2. A complete list of career technical education courses offered by the district that satisfy the subject matter requirements for admission to the California State University and the University of California, and which of the specific college admission requirements these courses satisfy

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)

Graduation-Courses and Credit Requirements

Students receiving a high school diploma from North Monterey County Unified School District must successfully complete 220 credits (units) of course work. A “C” grade is considered passing in all subjects. With the grade of “D,” credit is earned; however, the student in some cases cannot move to the next level and a “D” does not meet college entrance requirements for “A-G” completion as required for UC/CSU. This does not preclude the earning of additional credits beyond the regular school day or year for the propose of acceleration. Incoming 9th graders may earn high school credits as soon as he/she has been promoted from a middle or K-8 school. The requirements of 220 semester credits may be reduced for transfer students whose previous school program did not permit the earning of 60 semester credits per year, and for students whose programs have not

permitted them to take four (4) semesters of physical education. Requirements for graduation from the 12th grade of the continuation high school or the North Monterey Center from Independent Studies school shall be the same as those for the comprehensive high school with the exception that physical education may not be required during each semester of attendance.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to graduate from North Monterey County high schools, students must earn 220 credits, consisting of 170 required credits and 50 elective credits in grades 9 through 12. The following courses/credits are required for graduation.

Required Subjects	Length Course	Credits	A-G Requirements
History/Social Science			A. 2 years
US History	1 year	10	
World History	1 year	10	
Government	1 semester	5	
Economics	1 semester	5	
Total History/Social Science	3 years	30 credits	
English (grade level content courses)			B. 4 years
English I, II, III, IV	4 years	40	
Transitional English			
Total English	4 years	40 credits	
Mathematics			C. 3 years to include passing Integrated Math I, Algebra
Integrated Math I	1 year	10	
Integrated Math II/ Advanced Math	1 year	10	
Total Mathematics	2 years	20 credits	
Science			D. 2 years including Biology and Chemistry or Physics
Physical Science	1 year	10	
Life Science	1 year	10	
Total Science	2 years	20 credits	
<i>Integrated Science I</i>			
<i>Integrated Science II</i>			
Visual Performing Arts (VAPA) and/or Language Other than English, and/or Career Technical Education	A total of at least 30 credits (any combination) is required		E. Language=2 years, 3 recommended F. VAPA=1 year
Technology*	1 semester	5 credits	
21 st Century Seminar Skills course or other computer/technology courses			
Physical Education			
P.E. I (9 th grade)	1 year	10 credits	
P.E. II or Integrated Fitness	1 year	10 credits	
Total P.E.	2 years	20 credits	
<i>Students must pass the fitness test to waive out of taking PE courses in years 3 and 4. Students who do not pass the fitness test will need to continue to take an approved PE course until they pass)</i>			
Electives		50 credits	G. 1 year (approved class)
Total Credits (Units) Required for Promotion		220	
Notes: The Superintendent or designee shall exempt or waive specific course requirements for foster youth or children of military families in accordance with Ed Code 51225.3 and 49701.			
* (Revised Graduation Requirements per Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6146.1 as of January 29, 2015).			

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE REQUIREMENTS REQUIRED FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR FOUR YEAR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

High School Subject Area	NMC Graduation Requirements	University of California Requirements	California State University Requirements
<i>English</i>	40 Units	40 Units	40 Units
<i>Mathematics</i>	20 Units Must include Completion of Math I or equivalent	30 Units Math I/Algebra 1, Math II/Geometry, Algebra 2 <i>(40 units recommended)</i>	30 Units Math I/Algebra 1, Math II/Geometry, Algebra 2 <i>(40 units recommended)</i>
<i>Science</i>	20 Units Life Science (10) Physical Science (10) and/or Integrated Science I & II (20)	20 Units Must be in 2 of these 3 disciplines: Biology, Chemistry & Physics <i>(30 units recommended)</i>	20 Units Must be a lab science in Physical Science, Biological Science, Biology, Chemistry or Physics
<i>History/Social Science</i>	30 Units World History (10) US History (10) Government (5) Economics (5)	20 Units World History (10) US History/ Government (20)	20 Units US History (10) Social Science (10)
<i>Physical Education</i>	20 Units PE I* – 9 th (10) PE II– 10 th -12 th (10) *Must pass fitness test	0	0
<i>Health</i>	5 Units	0	0
<i>Technology</i>	5 Units	0	0
<i>Visual & Performing Arts and/or Language Other Than English and/or Career Technical Education</i>	30 Units	20 Units Language Other Than English <i>(30 units recommended)</i> 10 Units Visual and Performing Arts	20 Units Language Other Than English <i>(30) recommended</i> 10 Units Visual and Performing Arts
<i>Electives</i>	50 Units	10 Units	10 Units
<i>Total Units</i>	220 Units	150 Units **	150 Units **
<i>Examinations</i>		SAT I or ACT w/Writing	SAT I or ACT

Four-year colleges (UC and CSU) require a **minimum** of C or higher in each required course and at least a GPA 2.5 to meet eligibility requirements.

**All courses must be UC certified and appear on the high school's UC certified A-G list. At least 70 units of the 150 units must be taken in 11th and 12th grade.

Early Graduation

Early graduation diploma is permissible for those students who complete semester credit requirements as verified by a senior audit. By completion of the first semester of student's 11th grade year, students must co-sign a plan along with their parent(s)/guardian(s), counselor and/or administrator. They must have earned 190 credits prior to their last planned semester of attendance.

Honorary Diploma

The Board of Education may confer honorary high school diplomas upon foreign exchange students who have not completed the course of study ordinarily required for graduation, and who are returning to their home countries following the completion of one academic school year in California. Honorary high school diplomas awarded pursuant to this policy shall be clearly distinguishable from the regular diplomas of graduation awarded by the district. The student must also be enrolled in Senior English, Economics/Government, and/or United States History classes in order to earn an honorary diploma.

Award of Diploma

A student who does not receive a diploma for failure to meet the minimum standards of academic achievement shall later be awarded a diploma by the district after passing the necessary course work. This course work should be completed within one calendar school year from a student's original scheduled date of graduation. During this calendar school year, no additional course work shall be required should policies be changed. Additionally, a student must meet all other graduation requirements. Students may be placed on a 5-year plan for graduation as appropriate and documented in their 6-year planning form.

Certificate of Educational Achievement/Certification of Completion

In exceptional cases, for students who have an approved Individual Educational Program, and it has been determined by a school assessment team that the student is considered to be on a non-diploma track, they will demonstrate achievement in designated levels and related essential competencies. When the student reaches the established designated levels and related essential competencies outlined in their I.E.P. the student shall receive a Certificate of Completion or Certificate of Educational Achievement as so indicated on their Individualized Education Plan (I.E.P.) and determined by the school assessment team.