

**GRADUATION****High School Graduation Requirements/Standards of Proficiency**

The Board of Education desires to prepare all students to obtain a diploma of high school graduation in order to provide them with opportunities for post-secondary education and/or employment.

Graduation implies that students have satisfactorily completed the high school course of study prescribed by the district in accordance with their respective abilities to achieve, that they have satisfactorily passed any examinations and other requirements set by the faculty, and that they have earned the minimum number of course credits required to graduate. In addition, students shall have maintained a satisfactory record of citizenship during their progression through the instructional program of the school.

The faculty will establish their detailed requirements to agree with the goals for the schools as adopted by the Board of Education. It is expected that insofar as possible the faculty will apply measures of achievement to provide evidence that each student has progressed sufficiently toward school goals to warrant his/her graduation according to required criteria.

The Board of Education in recognition of its responsibility for the education of all students in the school system, including those who drop out of school, shall provide alternative programs for meeting high school diploma standards.

The Elk Grove Unified School District will establish three specific sets of graduation requirements for comprehensive/alternative high school, continuation high school, and adult education students.

**California High School Exit Exam**

Beginning in the 2005-2006 school year, and in each school year thereafter, each graduating student shall successfully pass the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) in English/language arts and mathematics as a condition of receiving a diploma of graduation or as a condition of graduation from high school. This requirement is in addition to completing the district's prescribed course of study and attaining a minimum of 220 credits and applies to all comprehensive/alternative high school, continuation high school, and adult education students. (Adult education students must attain a minimum of 200 credits in addition to passing the CAHSEE). . Students who transfer to the district from private or out-of-state schools must meet the CAHSEE requirement in order to receive a diploma.

(cf. 6162.52 - California High School Exit Examination)

Each student shall take the high school exit examination in grade 10 and may take the examination during each subsequent administration, until each section of the examination has been passed.

**GRADUATION (Continued)**

**California High School Exit Exam (Continued)**

Students who transfer from another California school district to the Elk Grove Unified School District and have official verification of having passed the high school exit examination in their school of previous attendance, shall be considered to have fulfilled their obligations for that exit examination or examinations in the Elk Grove Unified School District.

Legal Reference: EDUCATION CODE  
48430 Continuation education schools and classes  
48431.6 Program of review and counseling of academic progress at age 16 or 10th grade  
51215-51217 Student progress, elementary and secondary schools (re standards of proficiency); differential standards  
51225 High school graduation requirements until 7/1/86  
51225.3 Course of study mandated for graduation commencing with the 1986/87 school year.  
51225.4 Elementary school districts certification of sufficient preparation for meeting high school graduation requirements  
51226 Review by governing board of local curriculum at least every three years  
60851(a) High School Exit Examination

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**ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Elk Grove, California**

**DIFFERENTIAL GRADUATION AND COMPETENCY STANDARDS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

The Individualized Education Program (IEP) team shall determine the appropriate standards and assessments, as well as the accommodations and modifications that may be required for students with disabilities.

No student shall be classified as eligible for differential standards of proficiency for the purpose of circumventing the legal requirement to maintain academic eligibility for extracurricular or cocurricular activities. (Education Code 35160.5)

**High School Diploma and Certificate of Educational Achievement**

Beginning in 2006-2007, a student with disabilities may be awarded a high school diploma upon satisfactory completion of the course of study specified in his/her IEP and upon completion of the high school exit exam. The high school exit exam shall be administered in accordance with requirements and test variation, accommodations, and/or modifications as specified in the student's IEP.

All students subject to the requirements of the high school exit exam shall receive "adequate notice" as specified in law and Board policy. (Education Code 48980, 60850)

Instead of a high school diploma, a student with disabilities may be awarded a certificate or document of educational achievement if the student has met one of the following requirements: (Education Code 56390)

1. Satisfactorily completed a prescribed alternative course of study approved by the Board of Education of the district in which the student attended school or the district with jurisdiction over the student as identified in his/her IEP
2. Satisfactorily met his/her goals and objectives during high school as identified in his/her IEP
3. Satisfactorily attended high school, participated in the instruction as prescribed in his/her IEP, and met the objectives of the statement of transition services

In accordance with Education Code 56391, a student with disabilities who meets any of the criteria specified above shall be eligible to participate in any graduation ceremony and any school activity related to graduation in which a graduating student of similar age without disabilities would be eligible to participate.

**DIFFERENTIAL GRADUATION AND COMPETENCY STANDARDS FOR  
STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (Continued)**

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35160.5 Extracurricular and cocurricular activities; differential standards

48980 Parental notifications

56000 Education of individuals with exceptional needs

56341 Individualized education program team

56345 Elements of the IEP

56390-56393 Certificate of completion, special education

60850-60856 High school exit exam

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3070 Graduation

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1412 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

300.1-300.756 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

Management Resources:

FEDERAL REGISTER

34 CFR 300.a Appendix A to Part 300 - Questions and Answers

34 CFR 300.a1 Attachment 1: Analysis of Comments and Changes

CDE COMMUNICATIONS

2001.0314 Proficiency Standards and High School Exit Exam

WEB SITES

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

US Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services:

<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS>

## **Instruction**

### **RETROACTIVE DIPLOMAS**

#### Proposed Language/Intent:

The District may retroactively grant a high school diploma to a former student who was interned by order of the federal government during World War II or who is an honorably discharged veteran of World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, provided that he/she was enrolled in a district school immediately preceding the internment or military service and he/she did not receive a diploma because his/her education was interrupted due to the internment or military service. (Education Code 51430)

In addition, the Board may retroactively grant a diploma to a deceased former student who was enrolled in a district school at the time of his/her death. The diploma shall be received by the deceased student's next of kin. (Education Code 51430)

#### Legal Reference:

##### EDUCATION CODE

37252 Supplemental instructional programs  
48430 Continuation education schools and classes  
48645.5 Acceptance of coursework  
48980 Notification of parent/guardian  
51224 Skills and knowledge required for adult life  
51224.5 Algebra instruction  
51225.3 Requirements for graduation  
51225.5 Honorary diplomas; foreign exchange students  
51228 Graduation requirements  
51241-51246 Exemptions from requirements  
51410-51412 Diplomas  
51420-51427 High school equivalency certificates  
51450-51455 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma  
60850-60859 High school exit exam  
66204 Certification of high school courses as meeting university admissions criteria

##### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

16001-1651 Graduation of pupils from grade 12 and credit toward graduation

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