

Instruction

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Inyo County Board of Education desires to prepare all students to obtain a high school diploma to enable them to take advantage of opportunities for postsecondary education and/or employment. (*cf.* 5149 - *At-Risk Students*)(*cf.* 6143 - *Courses of Study*)

Course Requirements

To obtain a high school diploma, students shall complete at least the following courses in grades 9-12, with each course being one year unless otherwise specified:

1. Three courses in English (Education Code 51225.3)
(*cf.* 6142.91 - *Reading/Language Arts Instruction*)
2. Two courses in mathematics (Education Code 51225.3)

At least one mathematics course, or a combination of the two mathematics courses required for completion in grades 9-12, shall meet or exceed state academic content standards for Algebra I. (Education Code 51224.5)

Completion, prior to grade 9, of algebra coursework that meets or exceeds state academic content standards shall satisfy the algebra coursework 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 courses in science, including biological and physical sciences (Education Code 51225.3)
4. Three courses in social studies, including United States history and geography; world history, culture, and geography; a one-semester course in American government and civics; and a one-semester course in economics (Education Code 51225.3)
5. One course in visual or performing arts, foreign language, or American Sign Language (Education Code 51225.3) (*cf.* 6142.2 - *World/Foreign Language Instruction*)
6. Two courses in physical education, unless the student has been otherwise exempted pursuant to other sections of the Education Code (Education Code 51225.3)

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 law.

The Superintendent or designee shall exempt or waive specific course requirements for foster youth or children of military families in accordance with Education Code 51225.3 and 49701.

High School Exit Examination

As a condition of high school graduation, each student completing grade 12 shall have successfully passed the state exit examination in language arts and mathematics unless he/she receives a waiver or exemption. (Education Code 60851, 60859)

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(cf. 6146.4 - Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities)
(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

Supplemental instruction shall be offered to any student in grade 7-12 who does not demonstrate "sufficient progress," as defined in BP 6179 - Supplemental Instruction, toward passing the exit exam. (Education Code 37252, 60851)

Students who have not passed one or both parts of the exit exam by the end of grade 12 shall have the opportunity to receive intensive instruction and services for up to two consecutive academic years after completion of grade 12 or until they have passed both parts of the exam, whichever comes first. (Education Code 37254) *(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35186 *Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures*
37252 *Supplemental instructional programs*
37254 *Supplemental instruction based on failure to pass exit exam by end of grade 12*
37254.1 *Required student participation in supplemental instruction*
47612 *Enrollment in charter school*
48200 *Compulsory attendance*
48412 *Certificate of proficiency*
48430 *Continuation education schools and classes*
48645.5 *Acceptance of coursework*
49701 *Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children*
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*
51240-51246 *Exemptions from requirements*
51250-51251 *Assistance to military dependents*
51410-51412 *Diplomas*
51420-51427 *High school equivalency certificates*
51450-51455 *Golden State Seal Merit Diploma*
51745 *Independent study restrictions*
52378 *Supplemental school counseling program*
56390-56392 *Recognition for educational achievement, special education*
60850-60859 *High school exit examination*
66204 *Certification of high school courses as meeting university admissions criteria*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

1600-1651 *Graduation of students from grade 12 and credit toward graduation*

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, California High School Exit Examination:
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs>

BOARD POLICY:

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