

Graduating Class of 2008

LBUSD Graduation Requirements

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All students who graduate from a high school of the Long Beach Unified School District must have met the following requirements.

Algebra Requirement: Students must successfully complete the equivalent of Algebra 1-2 to meet this requirement if Algebra 1-2 was not completed in grades 7 and 8.

California High School Exit Exam: All students receiving a high school diploma must pass a state-administered exit exam. Students who do not pass the exit examination will not receive a diploma even if they have met all the graduation requirements. The CAHSEE is a two-day test, one for English Language Arts, and one for math. The test is not timed. Beginning in grade 10, students have six opportunities to pass both sections of the test. If students pass only one section (English Language Arts or Mathematics) they need retake only the section they did not pass. Transfer students must meet the CAHSEE requirement prior to graduation.

Each high school offers CAHSEE preparation courses. See your counselor for more information.

Service Learning: All students must complete 40 hours of service learning to fulfill the high school graduation requirement. Students are encouraged to complete the majority of the hours by the end of their sophomore year. Additional service learning information can be found on the district and individual high school web sites and in the Career Centers at each high school.

Technology Proficiency Requirement: Beginning with the class of 2008, all students must demonstrate computer proficiency by successfully completing Intermediate Computers in middle school, Computer Applications I in high school or by passing the Computer Proficiency Exam.



Credit Requirement: Currently, every student must earn a total of 220 semester periods of credit in grades 9 through 12 in order to graduate and receive a high school diploma. In grades 9 through 12, these credits will include:

1. Required Courses (all students) – 150 credits
2. Other electives – 70 credits

Total = 220 credits

Students must receive at least a “D” to receive credit for high school graduation. Grades of “D” or higher will earn 5 credits per semester.

Specific Course Requirements: Every student is required to earn credit as indicated in the following courses in grades 9-12.

English: 40 semester periods of credit in English 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, and English 7-8, if the student has not passed CAHSEE, or one of the approved 10-credit Senior English elective courses.

History/Social Science: 30 semester periods of credit in Modern World History, United States History, United States Government and Economics.

Mathematics: 20 credits in mathematics with at least one course or a combination of two courses that meet or exceed Algebra 1-2 if Algebra 1-2 was not completed in grades 7 and 8.

Physical Education: 20 semester periods of credit in grades 9 and 10.

Science: 20 semester periods of credit: 10 credits in biological/life and 10 credits in physical/earth; or 20 credits in integrated science.

Health Education: 5 semester periods of credit in grades 9 or 10.

Fine Arts or Foreign Language: 10 semester periods of credit; all foreign language courses and most one-year courses in Art and Music will satisfy the requirement.

Technology: 5 semester periods of credit in Computer Application I if Intermediate Computers was not successfully completed in middle school.

Electives: 70 semester credits of approved electives.