

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Mendocino County Board of Education shall establish prescribed courses of study for a *Diploma of Graduation from High School*. Students shall receive a Diploma upon satisfactory completion of the appropriate course(s) of study with a minimum completion of 180 units.

The prescribed courses of study for students in grades 9 through 12 shall consist of: (Education Code 51225.3)

1. Four (4) years of English
2. Two (2) years of mathematics, including one year of Algebra (Education Code Section 51224.5)
3. Two (2) years of science, including life/physical sciences
4. Three (3) years of Social Studies, including United States History and Geography; World History, Culture and Geography; American Government Civics, and Economics
5. One (1) year of Applied/Fine Arts, including visual or performing arts, or foreign language or American Sign Language
6. Two (2) years of Physical Education, unless the student has been exempted pursuant to Education Code provisions
7. Elective courses of study, 40 Credits.

The satisfactory completion of the above courses shall be determined by a letter grade of A, B, C, or D.

The County Board may adopt alternative means for the completion of a course of study for a Diploma which may include:

1. Career Technical Education classes offered in high schools
2. Independent Study
3. Credit earned at a postsecondary institution
4. Credit for driver education, which satisfies the requirement of Vehicle Code 12507

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

37252 *Summer school instructional programs*

48430 *Continuation education schools and classes*

48431.6 *Review and counseling of academic progress at age 16 or 10th*

51215-51218 *Student progress; standards of proficiency*

51224 *Skills and knowledge required for adult*

life 51225.3 *Requirements for graduation*

51225.4 *Elementary school certification of sufficient preparation for high school*

51225.5 *Honorary diplomas; foreign exchange students*

51226 *Model curriculum standards*

*51240-51246 Exemptions from
requirements 51260-51269 Drug
education*

51400-51442 Diplomas and certificates

*52508 Diplomas or certificates (adult
school) VEHICLE CODE*

12507 Driver education

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

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

MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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