## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## For the classes of 2011 and thereafter

## I. Objectives

These graduation requirements are designed to:
A. Ensure proficiency in basic skills.
B. Provide a common base of general education.
C. Encourage academic excellence and participation in enrichment studies.
D. Comply with the codes of the State of California.
II. Diploma

A single diploma will be granted by the Fullerton Joint Union High School District. The minimum graduation requirements are listed under "General Requirements for Graduation" and "Specific Requirements for Graduation."

## III. General Requirements for Graduation

A. The student shall attend eight semesters, grades 9-12.
B. The student shall enroll in and satisfactorily attend a minimum of at least five classes in each of the final two semesters.
C. The student shall satisfactorily complete at least 40 units in the student's final two semesters.
D. The student shall meet District competency standards in English/language arts and mathematics as evidenced by passing the required Algebra course and four years of English Language Arts.
E. The student shall demonstrate competency in the use of computers by passing the District's computer proficiency examination or by earning a grade "C" or better in the District’s computer applications and technology courses or equivalent Regional Occupational Program (ROP) courses. Suspended for graduating class of 2016 and 2017.
F. The student shall complete a minimum of 227.5 units. Due to the economic crisis, effective July 1, 2010, the 227.5 unit requirement and the ten additional units in science requirement shall be suspended until the Board of Trustees determines otherwise. (As a result of this suspension of ten science units, the student shall complete a minimum of 217.5 units.)

## IV. Specific Requirements

A. English

The student shall satisfactorily complete a minimum of 40 units of English. The sequence of courses shall be English I, II, and III, and 10 additional units of English electives.
B. Social Science

The student shall satisfactorily complete a minimum of 30 units of social science. (The sequence of courses is 10 units of world history, $9^{\text {th }}$ or $10^{\text {th }}$ grade; 10 units of United States history, 11th grade; 5 units of United States government and 5 units of economics, 12th grade.)
C. Science

The student shall satisfactorily complete a minimum of 30 units of science, including ten units each of a life and a physical science. Due to the economic crisis, effective July 1, 2010, the 227.5 unit requirement and the ten additional units in science requirement shall be suspended until the Board of Trustees determines otherwise. (As a result of the suspension of ten units of science, the student shall complete a minimum of 20 units of science, including ten units each of a life science and a physical science.)
D. Mathematics

The student shall satisfactorily complete a minimum of 30 units of mathematics. At least 10 units must be earned in Algebra I or a higher mathematics course upon enrollment in high school, grade nine.
E. Visual/Performing Arts or Foreign Language or CTE Course

The student shall satisfactorily complete a minimum of 10 units in either visual/ performing arts, foreign language, or a CTE course.
F. Health Education

The student shall satisfactorily complete 2.5 units of health education.

## G. Physical Education

The student shall satisfactorily complete a minimum of 20 units of physical education. The sequence of enrollment is grades 9 and 10 .

## V. Scholastic Recognition

Recognition of "Honors" at graduation shall be awarded to students earning a 3.0 grade point average. Recognition of "High Honors" shall be awarded to students earning a 3.5 grade point average.

## VI. Variances

The student who wishes to deviate in any way from the established graduation requirements shall submit for prior approval a petition stating an alternate plan. This petition must be reviewed by the parents and the counselor. Their recommendations shall be submitted to the principal for final approval.

Reference: Education Code Sections 51217, 51220, 51222, 51224, 51225, 51241, 51260, 60852.3

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