

GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

**I. Participation in Commencement Exercises**

A. Certificate of Achievement

1. Students with Disabilities who have completed the course of study prescribed by the IEP Team for completion of a Certificate of Achievement or a Transitional Work Skills Certificate under *CA Education Code 56375* may participate in the Graduation Ceremony and any related activities in which students of a similar age without a disability would be eligible to participate (*CA EC 56376*)

B. Honorary Diplomas for Foreign Exchange Students

1. The Governing Board of any school district may confer honorary high school diplomas upon foreign exchange students who have not completed the course of study ordinarily required for graduation, and who are returning to their home countries following the completion of one academic school year.
2. Honorary high school diplomas awarded shall be clearly distinguishable from the regular diplomas of graduation awarded by the district.
3. As a final celebration with their school friends and host families, foreign exchange students attending as Seniors may participate in the June graduation ceremonies

**II. Physical Education Proficiency**

A. Physical Education Graduation Requirement

1. 20 Credits in Physical Education are required to graduate

B. Grade 9 Physical Education

1. All grade 9 students will be in a P.E. class
2. Marching Band P.E. (Fall only), Athletics, and ROTC are considered P.E. classes
3. All grade 9 students will take the California Physical Fitness Test in Spring of grade 9

C. Grade 10 Physical Education

1. Students in grade 9 who pass 5 of 6 PFT assessments will have two terms of P.E. in grade 10
  - a. Marching Band P.E. (Fall only), Athletics, and ROTC are considered P.E. classes
2. Marching Band students who pass the PFT may take a music class in Spring of grade 10
  - a. Spring Marching Band will not count as P.E. credit
3. Students in grade 9 who do not pass 5 of 6 PFT assessments will have two terms of P.E. in grade 10
  - a. Marching Band P.E. (Fall only), Athletics, and ROTC are considered P.E. classes
  - b. Students in grade 9 who do not pass 5 of 6 PFT assessments will continue to take the PFT assessments they have previously failed, in each term as necessary to pass

D. Grade 11 Physical Education

1. Students who pass 5 of 6 PFT assessments and complete 20 credits of P.E. are exempted from P.E. in grade 11 under *CA Ed Code 51241(b)(1)*
2. Students in grade 10 who do not pass 5 of 6 PFT assessments will take P.E. in grade 11
  - a. Marching Band P.E. (Fall only), Athletics, and ROTC are considered P.E. classes
3. Students in grade 10 who do not pass 5 of 6 PFT assessments will continue to take the PFT assessments they have previously failed, in each term as necessary to pass
4. Students in grade 11 who have not yet passed 5 of 6 assessments on the PFT may be exempted from taking P.E. under *CA Ed Code 51241 (c)(1)* for academic need by counselor recommendation and with approval by the Principal or their designee and a review with signature by the P.E. Department Chair
5. Students in grade 11 who have who have not yet passed 5 of 6 assessments on the PFT cannot have a dismissal/off roll period and will be enrolled in a P.E. class unless exempted under *CA Ed Code 51241*
6. Students in grade 11 who have who have not yet passed 5 of 6 assessments on the PFT cannot have a service class unless they are also enrolled in a P.E. class unless exempted under *CA Ed Code 51241*
7. Students in grade 11 who pass 5 of 6 assessments on the PFT in the Fall of grade 11 are exempted from P.E. in the Spring of grade 11 under *CA Ed Code 51241(b)(1)*

E. Grade 12 Physical Education

1. Students in Grade 12 are exempt from P.E. under *CA Ed Code 51241 (c)(1)*
2. Students in Grade 12 are encouraged to take P.E. courses as electives

F. Medical Exemption

1. Students in grades 9 through 12 can be permanently medically exempted from P.E. by a Medical Doctor or Mental Health professional under *CA Ed Code 51241 (a)(1)*
  - a. Students with a permanent medical exemption will complete 20 credits in any other graduation requirement in place of P.E. credits
2. Students enrolled in P.E. who experience a temporary medical exemption from P.E. in the first four weeks of the P.E. course that is longer than two weeks in duration will be placed in another subject area course and will complete the required P.E. credits in the subsequent term.
3. Students enrolled in P.E. who experience a temporary medical exemption from P.E. that is longer than two weeks in duration in week four through the end of the current term will be placed in P.E. Independent Study until they are released from their medical exemption or until the end of the current term.
  - a. Students whose temporary medical exemption from P.E. lasts into the first four weeks of the subsequent term will be placed in another subject area course and will complete the required P.E. credits in the following term.