

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

| Subjects | Standard 4-year | Early Graduation | College Prep* | |
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| | Credits | Credits | Credits | |
| Math** | 2 | 2 | 3 | Algebra 1 required; 4 credits recommended for UC transfer |
| Science | 2 | 2 | 3 | Biology required for UC transfer; lab course strongly recommended |
| English | 3 | 3 | 4 | AP courses recommended for UC |
| <u>Social Studies:</u> | | | | |
| U. S. History | 1 | 1 | 1 | Mandatory |
| World History | 1 | 1 | 1 | Mandatory |
| American Gov & Economics | 1 | 1 | 1 | Mandatory |
| Physical Education | 2 | 2 | 2 | Sports, dance, athletic classes or personal exercise program. May include .50 credit Health Ed |
| Visual and Performing Arts / OR Foreign Language | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 years of same language recommended for UC transfer |
| Electives | 7 | 7 | 7 | Includes any combination of quarter or semester courses. |
| Total | 20 | 20 | 24 | |

One credit (1.0) equal to one year, 36 weeks, or an average of 150 hours of instruction (4 hours/week for 36 weeks). Courses with a lab usually equal 180 hours of instruction (5 hours/week for 36 weeks) per one year or 1.0 credit.

One half credit (.50) equal to one semester, 18 weeks, or approximately 60 – 90 hours of instruction.

* See UC/CSU (a-g) entrance requirements: <https://www.ucop.edu/agguide> Grades in required classes must be a C or better.

** At least one course must meet or exceed Algebra 1. Students who complete Algebra 1 in middle school complete two other math courses during grades 9-12. An exemption is made for special needs students or those on the Accelerated Ed Plan.

SAT / ACT testing: Not required for graduation. **Required for most 4-year colleges/universities.** AP Subject tests are also helpful. Community colleges do not require the SAT or ACT. UC/CSU (a-g) courses may be completed at the community college.