

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
DIVISION OF ADULT AND CAREER EDUCATION

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SUBJECT: DIVISION OF ADULT AND CAREER EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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I. INTRODUCTION

This guideline supersedes Guideline No. 14 issued on February 7, 2014. The content has been updated to reflect changes to Division High School graduation requirements.

II. BACKGROUND

Courses required for graduation by the Division of Adult and Career Education meet State Mandated Requirements. Education Code § 51225.3, provides that a district may choose to adopt a career technical education course as an optional high school graduation requirement in the Foreign Language category. The Division has chosen to exercise that option, thus providing students with additional access to career training and employment opportunities.

Career Technical Education (CTE) five (5) and ten (10) credit courses are the only CTE courses that may be used to fulfill the Foreign Language/Fine Arts/Career Technical Education requirements. However, students who wish to use CTE courses completed prior to February 19, 2014, that awarded more than ten (10) credits, may do so. Students who began a course prior to February 19, 2014, that awards more than ten (10) credits may, upon completing that course, use it to meet the requirement.

III. AWARDING CREDIT FOR SECONDARY COURSES

When evaluating transcripts, schools should refer to the current year's LAUSD Graduation Bulletin for the purposes of determining secondary courses that would satisfy graduation requirements.

IV. DACE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete 170 semester credits of coursework (as listed below) to qualify for graduation. The required Division coursework is as follows:

Subject Area	Courses	Credits
ENGLISH (40)	English 1	5
	English 2	5
	English 3	5
	English 4	5
	Literature/American	5
	Literature/Modern	5
	English Composition/Contemporary	5
	English Composition/Expository	5
MATHEMATICS (20)	Algebra 1A	5
	Algebra 1B	5
	Geometry 1A or any HS level math	5
	Geometry 1B or any HS level math	5
HEALTH (5) & SCIENCE (20) [Any high school courses equivalent to 10 credits of Biological Science and 10 credits of Physical Science] [All the sciences listed do not meet the D requirement]	Health	5
	General Science/Integrated 1	
	General Science/Integrated 2	
	General Science/Integrated 3	5
	General Science/Integrated 4	5
	Biology/1/Life Science	5
	Biology/2/Life Science	5
SOCIAL STUDIES (30)	Economics	5
	World History 1	5
	World History 2	5
	U.S. History 1	5
	U.S. History 2	5
	U.S. Government	5
PERSONAL AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT (10) [Additional courses acceptable are Social Justice, AVID, College and Career Planning, and Consumer Economics]	Life Skills	5
	Parent Education	
	Psychology	
	Ethnic Studies	
	CTE Courses	
	Computer Operation 1/ Foundations or any other computer-based technology course - except keyboarding	5
FOREIGN LANGUAGE/FINE ARTS/CAREER TECH. ED (10) [Credits must be in one category]	Foreign Language	10
	Visual /Fine Arts	
	Career Technical Education (CTE)	
GENERAL ELECTIVES (35)	Refer to Counseling handbook for a list of acceptable courses	35
TOTAL CREDITS		170

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