

## **GRADUATION/PROMOTION**

### Commencement Exercises Requirements

Only a pupil who fulfills promotion requirements for eighth grade and high school as established by the Board of Education, a special education pupil who meets the Individualized Education Program (IEP) requirements, or students who have not passed the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) will qualify for a certificate of completion and shall be allowed to participate in commencement exercises. High school students may receive a high school diploma once the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) has been passed. In addition, an eighth grade English learner (EL) pupil who meets the Individual Learning Plan (ILP) can also qualify for a certificate of completion and be allowed to participate in eighth grade promotion exercises.

Parents of pupils who are not fulfilling the graduation and diploma requirements as established by the Board of Education or are not fulfilling the requirements for a certificate of completion shall be notified no later than 30 days prior to commencement exercises.

As citizenship is a prerequisite for graduation, deviation not fitting community standards will be construed as reason to keep pupils from commencement exercises.

Administrative Regulations detail teacher and administrative standards for determining satisfactory attendance, citizenship and grades required for graduation and participation in commencement exercises.

### Promotion Requirements – Eighth Grade

Satisfactory attendance, citizenship and grades as ascertained by the teachers and the administrators from the school of attendance and mastery of District established minimum proficiency standards in the basic skills will constitute entitlement to an eighth grade diploma.

Differential minimum proficiency standards shall, in accordance with state law, be established for special education pupils.

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Graduation Requirements – High School

Pupils who have completed the requirements for graduation or for a certificate of completion by the end of an established summer term of remediation periods shall be awarded a diploma or a certificate of completion at that time.

Satisfactory attendance, citizenship and grades as ascertained by the teachers and the administrators from the school of attendance and mastery of District established minimum proficiency standards in the basic skills or, in the case of a special education pupil, mastery of the differential minimum proficiency standards will constitute entitlement to a high school diploma. All students must pass the California High School Exit Exam beginning in the 2005-2006 school year along with the below-stated requirements to constitute entitlement to a high school diploma. Students who do not pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE), but meet all other graduation requirements as stated below, will receive a Certificate of Completion.

Special education pupils may qualify for a certificate of completion by meeting the IEP requirements in lieu of passing the California High School Exit Exam, along with the below stated requirements.

A minimum of 225 semester periods of credit is required for graduation for Manteca Unified School District students on a traditional schedule. 275 semester periods of credit is required for those students on the block schedule and shall include successful completion of:

1. 40 units of English to include:
  - a. 30 units in English composed of English I, II, and III.
  - b. 10 elective units of English in either the English Department or approved elective courses.
2. 30 units in mathematics to include:
  - a. 20 units in mathematics department.
  - b. 10 elective units of math in either the mathematics department or approved elective courses.
  - c. Equivalent of Algebra I to meet or exceed State Standards.

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Graduation Requirements -- High School (continued)

3. 30 units in social studies to include:
  - a. 10 units in modern world history (includes world history, culture and geography).
  - b. 10 units in U.S. history (includes U.S. history and geography).
  - c. 5 units in American government.
  - d. 5 units in economics.
4. 20 units in science to include:
  - a. 10 units in biological science.
  - b. 10 units in physical/earth science.
5. 40 units in physical education unless the pupil has been exempted pursuant to Board Policy 6178.2.
6. 5 units in health education.
7. 5 units in safety education.
8. 10 units which will include visual and performing arts or foreign language.  
Pursuant to AB 1330 an approved CTE course may fulfill the visual and performing arts or foreign language requirement.

Early Graduation – High School

Pupils who wish to graduate at the end of their junior year or at the end of the first semester of their senior year must meet all of the requirements listed in Graduation Requirements – High School. In addition, pupils must submit a Petition for Early Release and Graduation form to their high school counselor that must be approved by the parent(s), counselor, principal, and District office. The petition deadline is September 30 of the intended graduation year.

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### Graduation Requirements – Adult School

Satisfactory attendance, citizenship and grades as ascertained by the teachers and the administrators from the school of attendance in the basic skills along with the below-stated standards will constitute entitlement to an adult school diploma. All students must pass the California High School Exit Exam beginning in the 2005-2006 school year along with the below-stated requirements to constitute entitlement to a high school diploma.

Students who do not pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE), but meet all other graduation requirements as stated below, will receive a Certificate of Completion.

A minimum of 185 semester periods of credit is required for graduation in the Manteca Unified School District and shall include successful completion of:

1. 40 units of English to include:
  - a. 30 units in English composed of English I, II, and III.
  - b. 10 elective units of English in either the English Department or approved elective courses.
2. 30 units in mathematics to include:
  - a. 20 units in Mathematics Department.
  - b. 10 elective units of math in either the Math Department or approved elective courses.
  - c. Equivalent of Algebra I to meet or exceed State Standards.
3. 30 units in social studies to include:
  - a. 10 units in modern world history (includes world history, culture and geography).
  - b. 10 units in U.S. history (includes U.S. history and geography).
  - c. 10 units in American government, civics, and economics.
4. 20 units in science to include:
  - a. 10 units in biological science.
  - b. 10 units in physical/earth science.

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5. 5 units in health education.
6. 10 units which will include visual and performing arts or foreign language.

Adults may receive credit toward graduation from prior high school experience, armed services experiences, or successfully passing the G.E.D. test or an approved equivalent test.

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