

**TWIN RIVERS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
2010 - 2011**

<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Number of Credits</u>
English 9-12	40
Mathematics	30
Life Science	10
Physical Science	10
World History	10
U.S. History	10
American Government	5
Economics	5
Foreign Lang/Fine Art	10
Physical Education	20
Health and Safety	2.5
Electives	67.5
Total Number of Credits	220

Course Requirements

To obtain a diploma of graduation from high school, students shall complete at least the following courses in grades 9-12, with each course being one year unless otherwise specified:

1. **Four** courses in English (Education Code 51225.3)

Four courses required in English shall include: ELA 9, ELA 10, ELA 11, ELA 12 for 40 credits. English Language Development (ELD) courses for English Language Learners can substitute for a maximum of one course per year.

(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)

2. ~~Two~~ **Three** courses in mathematics (Education Code 51225.3)

At least one mathematics course, or a combination of the two mathematics courses required for completion in grades 9-12, shall meet or exceed state academic content standards for Algebra I. (Education Code 51224.5)

Students must complete 3 courses of mathematics for 30 units which must include one course of Algebra or its equivalent or higher. (Education Code 51224.5)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

- (cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)
3. Two courses in science, including biological and physical sciences **for 20 credits**. (Education Code 51225.3)
- (cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)
4. Three courses in social studies, including United States history and geography; world history, culture, and geography; a one-semester course in American government and civics; and a one-semester course in economics **for 30 credits** (Education Code 51225.3)
- (cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)
5. One course in visual or performing arts, foreign language, or American Sign Language **for 10 credits**. (Education Code 51225.3)
- (cf. 6142.6 - Visual and Performing Arts Education)
6. Two courses in physical education, **20 credits**, unless the student has been otherwise exempted pursuant to other sections of the Education Code (Education Code 51225.3). ***The principal of alternative schools has the option to waive up to 10 credits of Physical Education, excluding grade 9 Physical Education.***
- (cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education)
7. ***Health a minimum of 2.5 credits required***
 8. ***Must demonstrate proficiency in current technology or competency on the district technology challenge test or pass at the minimum one semester technology course. (TRUSD AR. 6155).***
 9. ***Electives: 67.5 credits required during grades 9-12; classes may be selected from course offerings in any department.***
 10. ***High School credits awarded to Junior High Courses:***

Students enrolled in the following courses may receive high school credits and courses may be reflective on students' high school transcript: algebra 1B, algebra 1, geometry and foreign language courses.
 11. ***Transferring senior year from an alternative school to a comprehensive school***

In order to participate in the graduation ceremony at a comprehensive high school a student transferring from an alternative school within the Twin Rivers

Unified School District must transfer at the start of the second semester of their senior and must successfully complete English 12 for second semester of their senior year and either Government or Economics at the comprehensive site.

Because the prescribed course of study may not accommodate the needs of some students, the Board shall provide alternative means for the completion of prescribed courses in accordance with law.

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)
(cf. 6146.2 - Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency)

High School Exit Examination

Each student completing grade 12 shall have successfully passed the state exit examination in language arts and mathematics as a condition of high school graduation. (Education Code 60851, 60859)

(cf. 6146.4 - Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

Supplemental instruction shall be offered to any student in grade 7-12 who does not demonstrate "sufficient progress," as defined in Board policy, toward passing the exit exam. (Education Code 37252, 60851)

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)

(cf. 6177 - Summer School)

(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

Students who have not passed one or both parts of the exit exam by the end of grade 12 shall have the opportunity to receive intensive instruction and services for up to two consecutive academic years after completion of grade 12 or until they have passed both parts of the exam, whichever comes first. (Education Code 37254)

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board regarding the number of students who have fulfilled all local and state graduation requirements except for the passage of the exit exam and the resources that have been offered to such students.

California High School Exit Exam Requirement

Students shall receive diplomas of graduation from high school only after completing the prescribed course of study, passing all portions of the California High School Exit Examination, and meeting the standards of proficiency established by the district.

Students successfully completing the prescribed course of study but failing to earn a passing score on any part of the California High School Exit Exam will not receive a diploma. A notation will be made on the student's permanent record that they have successfully completed the course of study.

Students who complete the prescribed course of study but fail to earn a passing score on one or both parts of the California High School Exit Exam will qualify for a Certificate of Completion.

If a student who successfully completed the course of study at the time his/her class graduates earns passing scores on all portions of the California High School Exit Exam within 2 years, the permanent record notation can be converted to "Graduated". A diploma will then be awarded from the school where the course of study was completed.

Students who earned a High School Diploma or Certificate of Completion may participate in graduation ceremonies.

Foreign exchange students may receive honorary diplomas pursuant to Education Code 51225.5.

Retroactive Diplomas

The district may retroactively grant a high school diploma to a former student who was interned by order of the federal government during World War II or who is an honorably discharged veteran of World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, provided that he/she was enrolled in a district school immediately preceding the internment or military service and he/she did not receive a diploma because his/her education was interrupted due to the internment or military service. (Education Code 51430)

In addition, the Board may retroactively grant a diploma to a deceased former student who satisfies the above conditions. The diploma shall be received by the deceased student's next of kin. (Education Code 51430)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35186 Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures
37252 Supplemental instructional programs
37254 Supplemental instruction based on failure to pass exit exam by end of grade 12
37254.1 Required student participation in supplemental instruction
47612 Enrollment in charter school
48200 Compulsory attendance
48412 Certificate of proficiency
48430 Continuation education schools and classes
48645.5 Acceptance of coursework
51224 Skills and knowledge required for adult life
51224.5 Algebra instruction
51225.3 Requirements for graduation
51225.5 Honorary diplomas; foreign exchange students
51228 Graduation requirements
51240-51246 Exemptions from requirements
51250-51251 Assistance to military dependents
51410-51412 Diplomas
51420-51427 High school equivalency certificates
51450-51455 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma
51745 Independent study restrictions
52378 Supplemental school counseling program
56390-56392 Recognition for educational achievement, special education
60850-60859 High school exit examination
66204 Certification of high school courses as meeting university admissions criteria

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

1600-1651 Graduation of pupils from grade 12 and credit toward graduation

COURT DECISIONS

O'Connell v. Superior Court (Valenzuela), (2006) 141 Cal.App.4th 1452

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Preparing for the High Stakes of the High School Exit Exam: An Examination of Certificates of Completion, Policy Advisory, September 2005

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org/>

California Department of Education, California High School Exit Examination:
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs>