



**OUSD High School Graduation Requirements
Fall 2006**

A diploma of high school graduation shall be granted to any student who:

- Completes a total of 230 credits in grades 9-12
- Earns a minimum Grade Point Average of 2.00 in courses that satisfy graduation requirements
- Passes the California High School Exit Exam in language arts and mathematics (Education Code 60851, 60859)
- Completes a senior project/exhibition during the 12th grade year of high school (This project shall be a serious research project or exhibition which demonstrates achievement of school-wide learning goals and designated key content standards)

OUSD Required Courses	UC Admissions Required Courses
<p>English 40 Credits (10 credits in each grade)</p>	<p>English 4 years of approved English courses</p>
<p>Mathematics 30 credits including Algebra & Geometry</p>	<p>Mathematics 3 years including Algebra, Geometry & Intermediate Algebra 4 years recommended</p>
<p>Science 30 credits including Biology and a Physical Science in grades 9-12</p>	<p>Science 2 years with lab required in biology, chemistry or physics 3 years recommended</p>
<p>Social Studies 30 credits in grades 9-12 including 10 credits of U.S. History, 10 credits of World Cultures, 5 credits of American Government and 5 credits of Economics</p>	<p>Social Studies 2 years of history/social science including 1 year U.S. History or ½ year U.S. History + ½ year civics or American Government; 1 year of World History, Cultures & Geography</p>

<p>World Language 10 credits in grades 9-12 Sign Language may be used to satisfy this requirement. Enrollment in ELD classes for English Language Learners may satisfy this requirement.</p>	<p>World Language 2 years in same language required 3 years recommended</p>
<p>Visual/Performing Arts 10 credits in grades 9-12</p>	<p>Visual/Performing Arts 1 year chosen from the following: dance, drama/theater, music or visual art</p>
<p>Physical Education 20 credits in P.E. or JROTC except where non-participation is authorized by the Education Code and the Board of Education</p>	<p>Physical Education No admissions requirement</p>
<p>Electives 60 credits which may be selected by students and parents. A maximum of 40 credits of Outside Work Experience (OWE) and Inside Work Experience (IWE) combined (with Inside Work Experience limited to 20 credits) may be counted toward graduation.</p>	<p>Electives 1 year chosen from approved academic courses in history, English, advanced math, lab science, foreign language, social science or fine arts For more information see UC Doorways</p>

NOTE: Other approved secondary courses offered in English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Technology, and the Visual and Performing Arts may satisfy requirements for graduation. Please refer to your school’s course catalogue.

As an alternative to completing the course requirements for high school graduation, students may fulfill one or more of the course requirements through:

1. Demonstration of skills and competencies
2. Supervised work experience up to 40 credits in accordance with 5 CCR 1635, or other outside school experience
3. Independent Study
4. Credit earned at a postsecondary institution

5. Correspondence instruction from a California university and/or other California Department of Education entities in subjects included within or related to the course of study offered in the school district
6. Courses earned in an Adult Education Program
7. Military service and training in accordance with 5 CCR 1634

NOTE: The district shall accept for credit any coursework satisfactorily completed by students while detained in a juvenile court school or a county or state-operated institution. District students who successfully complete district graduation requirements while so detained shall receive a diploma from the school they last attended. (Education Code 48645.5)