Graduation Requirements

iLEAD Online High School Diploma Graduation Requirements

The term "regular high school diploma" is defined as a diploma fully aligned to grade-level standards. Students typically complete mandated academic courses to receive a standard high school diploma. California Education Code 51225.3 defines the mandated high school courses needed to earn a regular high school diploma. iLEAD Online has chosen to provide differentiated diploma options. These alternatives not only address the mandated high school courses needed to earn a regular high school diploma, but also offer a diploma based on A-G requirements that provide greater access to college and exceed the state's minimum requirements.

Graduation Requirement Exemptions

Under Education Code 51225.1, the following learners may be exempted from iLEAD Online's graduation requirements under specific circumstances:

Foster Youth
Homeless Youth
Former Juvenile Court Youth
Children of Military Families
Migrant Youth
Newcomer Youth

Should a learner in one of the above groups meet the requirements under EC 51225.1, school counselor will work with the learners who will either choose to:

Complete a 5th year at iLEAD Online in order to meet iLEAD Online's diploma requirements, OR
Complete the iLEAD Online's Career Ready Graduation Requirments, which is equivalanet to the California Minimum Graduation Requirements.

iLEAD Online shall ensure a learner who meets the criteria under EC 51225.1, shall be eligible to participate in any graduation ceremony and any school activity related to graduation in which a graduating learner of a similar age would be eligible to participate.

College Ready Graduation Requirements

iLEAD Online requires a total of 220 credits in the following areas for a UC a-g aligned diploma. Typically, learners earn five (5) credits for each course in which they receive a semester grade of "D" or better.

Course Title	Credits
A- Social Studies/Social Studies Electives	
World History (UC A)	10
United States History (UC A)	10
American Government (UC G)	5
Economics (UC G)	5
B-English	
Four years	40
C- Math	
Three years, including Algebra I (four years recommended)	30
D- Science	
Biological Science, with lab	10
Physical Science, with lab	10
Recommended but not required third year	(10)
E- World Language Other Than English	
Two years (3 recommended)	20
F- Visual and Performing Arts OR Career and Technical Education	
One year VAPA (UC required)	10
1 CTE Pathway (recommended)	(20)
G- Electives	
One year A-G College Prep Elective	10
Various Electives, including state required electives	50
Physical Education	
One year (two recommended)	10
Total Credits Needed	**220**

Career Ready Graduation Requirements

California Education Code (EC) Section 51225.3 has specified a minimum set of courses to meet state requirements to graduate from high school and receive a diploma. The governing boards of local education agencies (LEAs) have the authority to supplement the state minimum requirements at the local level. iLEAD Online requires a total of 180 credits in the following areas for a standard diploma. Typically, learners earn five (5) credits for each course in which they receive a semester grade of "D" or better.

Course Title	Credits
Math	
Two years, including Algebra I (three recommended)	20
English	
Three years (four recommended)	30
Science	
Biological Science, with lab	10
Physical Science, with lab	10
Social Studies	
World History	10
United States History	10
American Government/Civics	5
Economics	5
World Language, Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA), or Career-Technical Education (CTE)	
Two years (1 CTE Pathway or 2 World Language/VAPA courses)	20
Physical Education	
One year	10
Electives	
Various electives, including state required electives	50
Total Credits Needed	**180**