



SCVi Graduation Policy

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HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

The term “regular high school diploma” is defined as a diploma fully aligned to grade-level standards. Learners 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.

SCVi 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.

SCVi Graduation Requirements

High School Subject Area	Customized Path:	CSU/UC Graduation Requirements	IB Diploma Program Path Graduation Requirements
English	4 Years (40cr)	4 Years (40cr)	4 Years (40cr) Including HL yr 1 and 2
Math	2 Years (20cr) Algebra 1 or Integrated Math 1 required	3 Years (30cr) Algebra 1 or Integrated Math 2 required	4 Years (40cr) Including Math SL Year 1 and SL Year 2
Science	2 Years (20cr) Biological Sci(10cr) Physical Sci (10cr)	2 Years required (3 recommended) (20cr) Biological Science with lab(10cr) Physical Science with lab(10cr)	4 Years (40cr) Including Biology HL Yr 1 and 2 or Chemistry HL Yr 1 and 2
History/Social Studies	3 Years (30cr) World History (10cr) U.S. History (10cr) American Govt (5cr) And Economics (5cr) <i>*commencing with the class of 2031, may be substituted with 5 credits of Personal Finance</i>	3 Years (30cr) World History (10cr) U.S. History (10cr) American Govt (5cr) And Economics (5cr) <i>*commencing with the class of 2031, may be substituted with 5 credits of Personal Finance</i>	5 courses over 4 Years (50cr) World History/Modern Civ(10cr) IB History of The Americas Yr 1 and Yr 2 (HL)(20cr) U.S. History (10cr) U.S. Government (5cr); Economics (5cr) <i>*commencing with the class of 2031, may be substituted with 5 credits of Personal Finance</i>

World Language other than English	1 Year (10cr) and	2 Years (3 recommended) (20cr) must be in the same language	4 Years (40cr) Including SL Year 1 and Year 2
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Visual and Performing Arts	1 Year (10 cr)	2 Years (20cr)	4 Years (40cr) Including HL Year 1 and HL Year 2	
Physical Education	1 Year (10 cr)	1 Year (10cr)	1 Year (10cr)	
Electives	Various Electives College and Career Prep, including state-required electives (70cr)	Various Electives College and Career, including state-required electives (80cr)	Required for IB Diploma Candidates (20cr): Creative Action Service (CAS) Extended Essay (EE) Theory of Knowledge (TOK)	
			Various Electives College and Career Prep, including state-required electives (60cr)	
Total Credits	210 Credits	250 Credits	340 Credits	

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT EXEMPTION

Under Ed. Code 51225.1, the following learners may be exempted from SCVi'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, the school counselor will work with the learners who will either choose to:

- Complete a 5th year at SCVi in order to meet SCVi diploma requirements, OR
- Complete the SCVi Graduation Requirement Exemption waiver to become eligible for a diploma under California's minimum graduation requirements.

SCVi 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.

In addition, the school Director or designee shall have authority to grant exemptions from local graduation requirements in accordance with law and Board policy. Individual local exemption determinations shall not require separate Board approval. A learner is permitted to graduate upon completion of the California state minimum graduation requirements when: the learner has experienced significant, documented unforeseen circumstances beyond the learner's control (e.g., severe medical condition, family crisis, displacement, or other hardship), and the learner has made a good faith effort to meet district graduation requirements, and completion of additional district requirements is not reasonably possible within the learner's four-year high school timeline. Any such determination shall be made on a case-by-case basis and shall not establish precedent.