



Empower Generations Graduation Requirements

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Path	Graduation Requirements	UC/CSU Path need a grade of C or better	Competencies
Social Science	3 years (30 credits) 1 year US History 1 year World History 1 semester Government 1 semester Economics <i>*commencing with the class of 2031, may be substituted with 5 credits of Personal Finance</i>	a. 3 years (30 credits) 1 year US History 1 year World History 1 semester Government ! 1 semester Economics <i>*commencing with the class of 2031, may be substituted with 5 credits of Personal Finance</i>	Understanding Ethical Issues Global Research & Analysis Civic Responsibility Through Local Policies Social History Through Interviews
English	3 years (4 recommended) (30 credits)	b. 4 years (40 credits)	Persuasion (ethos, logos, pathos) Powerful Communication to Diverse Audiences Literary Author Analysis Informative Text Application Senior Defense Portfolio
Mathematics	2 years (20 credits) * Algebra 1 or Integrated Math 1 required	c. 3 years (30 credits) * Algebra 1 or Integrated Math I * Geometry or Integrated Math II * Algebra 2 or Integrated Math III	Mathematical Engineering Geometric Reasoning Financial Literacy Data Interpretation Through Design Process Mathematical Reasoning and Application

Science	2 years (20 credits) * one year of biology with lab component; and one year of physical science with lab component	d. 2 years/3 years recommended (20 credits) * one year of biology with lab component; and one year of physical science with lab component	Scientific Analysis and Investigation Scientific Experimentation Applied Digital Technologies Divergent Thinking
World Language	1 year (10 credits) * <i>World Language</i> * <i>sequential course 1A/1B</i>	e. 2 years/3 years recommended (20 credits) * <i>sequential course 1A/1B(Same language)</i>	Multiple Language Proficiency Diverse Cultural Perspectives
Visual and Performing Arts	1 year (10 credits) * <i>visual or performing arts</i> * <i>sequential course 1A/1B</i>	f. 1 years (10 credits) * <i>sequential course 1A/1B</i>	Innovative Prototyping Self Expression Through A Variety of Mediums Artistic Connections Through Cultural Context
Electives	(60 credits) * Health (5 credits) * Service Learning (5 credits) * Child Development (5 credits) * Senior Internship (10 credits) * Advisory (20 credits) * General Electives (15 credits) <i>including state-required electives</i>	(80 credits) g. College Approved Elective from a-f (10 credits) * Health (5 credits) * Service Learning (5 credits) * Child Development (5 credits) * Senior Internship (10 credits) * Advisory (20 credits) * General Electives (25 credits) <i>including state-required electives</i>	Healthy Relationships Internship with Community Business Lead Through Influential Work Intrapersonal/Interpersonal Understanding Authentic Problem Solving Social Networking Goal Setting & Action Steps Purpose & Belonging Mindfulness Reflection Process/Growth Mindset Self Advocacy

	180 Credits	230 Credits <i>*11 UC-required college-preparatory courses must be completed prior to senior year (including summer courses)</i>	
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GRADUATION REQUIREMENT EXEMPTION

Under Ed Code 51225.1, the following learners may be exempted from Empower Generations/Innovation Studios’ 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 und EC 51225.1, school counselors will work with the learners who will ether choose to:

- Complete a 5th year at Empower Generations/Innovation Studios in order to meet diploma requirements, OR
- Complete the Empower Generations/Innovation Studios Graduation Requirement Exemption waiver to become eligible for a diploma under California’s minimum graduation requirements.*

Empower Generations/Innovation Studios 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.

*California Minimum Graduation Requirements (EC 51225.1)

English	30cr	US History	10cr	PE	20cr
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Algebra 1	10cr	World History	10cr	Ethnic Studies	5cr
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Math	10cr	American Govt (Civics)	5cr		
Biological Science	10cr	Economics	5cr		
Physical Science	10cr	Vis/perf arts; Foreign Lang; or CTE	10cr		Total 135cr