

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS/STANDARDS OF PROFICIENCY**

Students Entering Grade 9 (Class Key 2005) during the 2005-06 School Year and Beyond

**GRADUATION WITH A DIPLOMA****1. Unit Requirements**

Two hundred twenty (220) units of credit are required for graduation. Two hundred thirty (230) units of credit are required for graduation from Steele Canyon High School. Five units are granted for each semester course satisfactorily completed, with the exception of a limited number of designated courses, for which 2.5 units of credit are granted for each semester completed.

a. The following limitations apply:

- (1) No student may earn more than 70 units in any school year, excluding summer school and ROP courses. The principal must approve exceptions.
- (2) No more than 20 units shall be earned through work experience programs, and these shall be earned in grades 11 and 12. The principal must approve exceptions.
- (3) No more than 40 units in physical education shall be earned toward graduation.
- (4) For each semester of participation in marching band, specialty corps or cheerleading completed in that semester, 2.5 units of elective, non-departmental, credit shall be awarded. No credit shall be awarded for other after-school extracurricular activities.
- (5) Courses in religion shall not be counted as units toward graduation.

b. Units may be earned in the following ways:

- (1) Successful completion of regular courses offered during the regular school year or summer school curricula.
- (2) Transfer of units from private or other public schools accredited by the appropriate Regional Commission or approved by the principal.
- (3) Home/hospital study programs completed under the supervision of the Special Education Department.
- (4) Approved correspondence courses.
- (5) Community college or adult education course work. (Duplicate credit may be awarded for community college course work. Principals may certify completion of specific high school graduation requirements based upon a student's completion of comparable community college courses.)
- (6) Courses by examination, taken under the supervision of a certificated teacher, with prior approval of the department chairperson and the principal.
- (7) Independent study, as provided by California State Education Code 46300.
- (8) Community-based learning experiences with prior approval of the principal.

No credit shall be given for any work completed or courses taken outside the jurisdiction of the Grossmont Union High School District, except as noted above.

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### 2. Graduation Requirements By Class Key

CATEGORY	Requirement	Class Key								NOTES
		1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
CREDITS REQUIRED OF ALL STUDENTS	English									
	-First Year (9th grade)	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	1
	-Second Year (10th grade)	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	
	-Third Year (11th grade)	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	2
	- Fourth Year (Elective)	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	3
	Mathematics	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	4
	Science									
	- Life Science/Biology	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	
	- Physical Science	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	
	Social Science									
	-Geography/Humanities 1	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
	-World History/Culture Geography	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	
	-Life Management Skills	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
	-US Hist/Am Studies	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	
	-American Government	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
	-Economics	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	6
	Technology Foundations	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
	Physical Education	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	8
	Visual & Performing Arts/Foreign Language	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	9
	Number of Elective Units	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	
	Total Units Required	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	
COURSE QUALIFICATIONS	First Aid offered in grade 9 Physical Education	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	10
SPECIAL LIMITATIONS	Work Exp. Must be earned in Gr 11,12	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
	Number of units allowed for Work Experience	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
	Number of units allowed for Physical Ed	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
	Credit allowed for extracurricular activities	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	11
PERFORMANCE STANDARDS	California High School Exit Exam					x	x	x	x	12
COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS	GRA English, Reading, and Math	x	x	x						13
	Course Completion – Soph. Eng. & Math A	x	x	x						13
HELIX	Senior Project Graduation Requirement	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	14
STEELE CANYON	230 Credits Graduation Requirement			x	x	x	x	x	x	15
CREDITS REQUIRED/RECOMMENDED FOR COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS (BASED ON UC & CSU)	History/Social Science	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	16
	English	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	16
	Mathematics (Required/recommended)	30/40	30/40	30/40	30/40	30/40	30/40	30/40	30/40	16
	Science (Required/recommended for UC)	20/30	20/30	20/30	20/30	20/30	20/30	20/30	20/30	16
	Foreign Language (Required/recommended)	20/30	20/30	20/30	20/30	20/30	20/30	20/30	20/30	16
	Visual & Performing Arts			10	10	10	10	10	10	16

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### Notes:

- 1-2 Courses attempted and failed, (not withdrawals), may be replaced by English 7, English 8 or appropriate English electives. Refer to the Master Course Title list.
- 3 Students are required to take four years of English and should be programmed into English 1-6 for their 9th-11th-grade program. Beginning Key 90, students must earn 40 credits in English. Ten credits of the 40 may consist of any English elective course (E0) or alternative English course, e.g. English for Business. Courses not satisfying the senior English elective (E0) requirement are these: Publications 1-6, Reading Clinic 1, Reading 1-4, Developmental Reading, Speed Reading for College, Writing Fundamentals 1-2, Reading Competency SS, English Competency SS, Reading Proficiency SS and English Proficiency SS.
- 4 For Class Key 92 and beyond, 30 units of Math are required and any Mathematics course counts toward the unit requirement. Beginning with Class Key 2000, 30 units of math are required including a full algebra I course. Beginning with Class Key 2001, 30 units of math are required including a full algebra I course and 1 additional mathematics course that is not a prerequisite to algebra I.
- 5 Seniors may, by administrative exception, substitute On Your Own I & II or On Your Own I & Family Relations for the Life Management Skills requirement. Beginning with class key 2000. Steele Canyon High School will meet the Life Management Skills requirement through completion of Exercise and Nutritional Science 1-3. Beginning with class key 2002 Grossmont High School students will meet the Life Management requirement through completion of Integrated Geography and Technology.
- 6 Students may substitute one full year (10 credits) of Business Management and Ownership (T655) for the Economics (S5) graduation requirement.
- 7 Beginning with Class Key 94, all students must complete a Technology Foundations requirement, replacing the earlier Computer Studies course requirement. This requirement may be met by satisfactory completion of appropriate coursework or by direct demonstration of the student's skills and knowledge.
- 8 Beginning Class Key 87, P.E. will be included in the overall and ranking GPA. Students are required to complete 20 units of P.E. Beginning with Class Key 92, students who participate in two extra-curricular interscholastic athletic seasons (from approved list) during their 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade year are exempt from the second year of the P.E. requirement and may graduate with only 10 units of P.E. Beginning with school year 96-97, students who participate in two semesters of cheerleading during their 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade year may be exempted from the second-year P.E. requirement. Beginning with school year 94-95, students who participate in approved Marching Band programs during their 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade year may earn P.E. credit for that participation.
- 9 Students must complete one full year of either VPA or Foreign Language (cannot be one semester of each).
- 10 See Proficiency Tests area of transcript for First Aid results. Results are entered separately by Site Support Technicians.
- 11 Marching Band and selected programs may earn P.E. credit. Athletics and cheerleading may earn P.E. exemption. Students may be awarded 2.5 credits per semester for the extracurricular activities Marching Band and Specialty Corps. (Also see Note 8.)
- 12 Beginning with class key 2002 each pupil completing the 12<sup>th</sup> grade is required to pass the California High School Exit Exam.
- 13 The method of determining state mandated minimum proficiency was changed during the 91-92 school year to course completion. The change was effective retroactively for all students who had not yet met the proficiency requirement. For English and reading proficiency, students must complete sophomore English (the E2 graduation requirement) or any higher English course. To demonstrate mathematics proficiency, students must complete Math A or any higher math course. The GRA tests in English, reading and math are still available as an alternative method for meeting the proficiency requirement. State law ended this requirement effective with the Class Key 2000.
- 14 As authorized by Governing Board action on February 20, 1997, Helix High School is authorized to

require students graduating in 1998 or thereafter to complete a senior project of satisfactory quality in order to be awarded a diploma of graduation.

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- 15 As authorized by Governing Board action on December 9, 1999 Steele Canyon High School is authorized to require students in Class Key 2000 and thereafter to complete 1 additional year of Science.
- 16 For college admission, all courses must be college preparatory, honors, or advanced placement. Applied arts and remedial classes will not be accepted for college admissions. Number of credits required for college admission is listed. Note that recommended credits are higher (Math: 40 credits; Science: 30 credits; and Foreign Language: 30 credits)

### **3. California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)**

Beginning with class key 2002 each pupil completing the 12<sup>th</sup> grade will be required to successfully pass the high school exit exam. The CAHSEE consist of two parts, an English/Language Arts component and a math component.

### **4. Technology Foundations Requirement**

Students who began grade 9 in September 1994 and beyond shall be required to demonstrate familiarity with current technology as it relates to educational, career, and personal opportunities. This requirement may be met by satisfactory completion of appropriate coursework or by direct demonstration of the student's skills and knowledge.

Either method will include performance-based assessment procedures. The school's delivery model for this requirement will be included in the school's annual Technology Plan.

That portion of the Technology Plan will be subject to review and recommendation by the Computer Technology Council and approval by the Superintendent and the Governing Board.

School plans will ensure that the student:

- (1) is exposed to a broad variety of current technologies used in a variety of different career paths;
- (2) develops skills necessary to use current technology in his/her educational program;
- (3) demonstrates an understanding of the role of technology in society;
- (4) demonstrates document-processing skills that will allow him/her to use computers effectively during his/her educational program; and,
- (5) is able to effectively use computerized library research resources;
- (6) completes an electronic portfolio;
- (7) navigates and utilizes resources on wide area networks

School plans for addressing the Technology Foundations requirement shall be incorporated into each school's annual plan for school improvement and local staff development.

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### 5. Foreign Exchange Students

Students representing the various approved foreign exchange programs are exempt from the graduation requirements, as listed, but must demonstrate mastery of minimum competency requirements. Upon satisfactory completion of their individually assigned course of study, as prescribed by the local high school, and mastery of the minimum competency requirements, a regular high school diploma shall be issued to these students.

The prescribed course of study must include Civics or U.S. History, an English course and other electives to make up a full program, appropriate to the student's level of ability.

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