

INSTRUCTION

Graduation Requirements/Completion Certificate

Graduation Requirements

A student shall be eligible for a diploma of graduation from El Dorado County Office of Education Court and Community Schools, who, while in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, has completed at least the following number of courses and credits listed on the chart in the subjects specified.

Subject Area	Graduation Year Credits		UC Required Courses/Credits	CSU Required Courses/Credits
	2003	2004		
English	30	40*	40	40
Mathematics	20	30	30/40	30
History/Social Studies	30	30	20	10
Science	20	20	20/30 (20 lab)	10(10 lab)
Foreign Language or Visual/Performing Arts	10 or 10	10 or 10	20/30 10	20*** 10
Physical Education	20	20		
Health	5	5		
Community Service	2.5	2.5**		
Senior Project	2.5	0*		
Academic Electives			20***	30****
Electives	80	82.5		
Total	220	240#		

Class of 2004 – Additional graduation requirements: successful completion of the California High School Exit Examination (required by Education Code Section 60851) and demonstration of mastery of technology standards as may be appropriate.

* The Senior Project will be part of English IV for Charter Community School. It will be a part of English IV for Charter Rite-of-Passage starting with the class of 2004.

** For Golden Ridge these units will be added to the elective units.

*** **UC applicants** - *Academic electives* must be chosen from these areas: visual and performing arts, history, social science, English, advanced mathematics, laboratory science and foreign language. When a range of credits is given (20/30), the lower number is the minimum and the higher number is the recommended credits in a subject area.

**** **CSU applicants** – *Foreign language* requirement may be waived if you demonstrate competence in a foreign language equivalent to 2 years of study. *Academic electives* must be chosen from these areas: visual and performing arts, history, social science, English, advanced mathematics, laboratory science, foreign language and agriculture.

Differential Graduation and Competency Standard for Eligible Students with Disabilities

The Superintendent recognizes that proficiency standards adopted for students enrolled in general educational programs may not be appropriate for all students enrolled in special education programs. Students with disabilities should meet the general graduation standards to the extent their disabilities permit, however, certain students may be diagnosed with disabilities that prevent them from attaining the regularly adopted proficiency competencies. These students may need differential standards.

There are three options for meeting graduation and competency standards:

1. Students are integrated into general education courses where they are challenged to master grade-level standards and pass the HSEE. By passing all graduation requirements at the grade-level standards (including passing the HSEE), these students will receive a general high school diploma.
2. Students are integrated into the general education course of study with accommodations and modifications which alter the standard level of achievement. The student must pass all other graduation requirements and pass the HSEE. A general diploma will be issued, but the transcript will indicate with an asterisk courses in which standards have been modified.
3. Students will complete a course of study as outlined in their IEP. Courses will include both general and special education classes, as well as courses related to life skills and vocational skills development. Students will not be required to pass the HSEE and will receive a Certificate of Completion rather than a diploma.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

51220, et seq. Courses of study, grades 7 to 12

51224 Courses of study

51224.5 Algebra requirement

51225.3 Requirements for graduation

51240-51246 Exemptions from requirements (except 51245 – re: foreign language instructors)

51260-51269 Drug education

51400-51455 Diplomas and certificates

51850-51854 Driver training

56000, et seq. Special education programs

TITLE 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations

VEHICLE CODE

12814.8 Effectiveness of driver education programs conducted in non-classroom environment

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

1600-1651 Graduation of pupils from grade 12 and graduation credit

3000, et seq. Handicapped children

9540, et seq. Additions to lists of adopted instructional materials in reading/language arts and mathematics

10020, et seq. High school courses of study

10040-10043 Automotive driver training