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High School Graduation Requirements

A. General Graduation Requirements

1. A diploma of graduation shall be granted to any student of good character and citizenship who satisfactorily completes the full curriculum prescribed by the District. Requirements for graduation from a senior high school in the Glendale Unified School District are listed in Board Policy 6146.1.
 - a. In the case of a senior entering Glendale schools during the senior year, the graduation diploma may be issued by the Glendale Unified School District or by the school previously attended and the student may participate in graduation exercises. Credits earned in Glendale senior high schools may be transferred back to the school of previous attendance.
 - b. Transfer students shall complete such requirements as have been established for the grade in which the transfer student enrolls and the subsequent grades prior to graduation insofar as seems appropriate. Thus, the transfer student need not make up required instruction that is normally provided in grades lower than that into which the transfer student is first enrolled.
 - c. Students who complete Glendale Unified School District graduation requirements while enrolled in the District home/hospital teaching program or while enrolled in state-certified special education nonpublic school shall be granted a diploma from their Glendale Unified School District high school of residence.
2. Upon recommendation of the principal of the school and upon the approval of the District Superintendent, the diploma of graduation may be withheld from a student because of flagrant or persistent misbehavior or unusually poor citizenship.

B. Credit Toward High School Graduation

1. Five semesters credits are granted for the successful completion of one period of class work daily for one semester or its equivalent. Semester credit toward graduation may be counted only once for each course in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 (for example, Integrated Math I or foreign language taken in the ninth grade may not be repeated for unit credit although it may be repeated to raise a grade); except that under unusual circumstances, credit may be given for a course that is

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being repeated upon the recommendation of the principal.

- a. In terms of credit for high school graduation and college entrance, grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 will be considered as a unit.
- b. A minimum of 220 semester periods of credit earned in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 is required for high school graduation.
- c. Students are normally enrolled in six classes or subjects per semester. Upon recommendation of the counselor and with approval of the principal and parent or guardian, students may enroll in additional classes or subjects for credit if space allows and if the course selection is consistent with the student's post-high school plans, career goals, and past academic performance.

2. Credit for Mathematics Graduation Requirement

Students may meet the mathematics graduation requirement by any of the following methods:

- a. Successful completion of Integrated Math I in grade 8 and a minimum of two courses in mathematics in grades 9-12, including one course that meets the Integrated II content standards.

*For students graduating prior to 2020, completion of Geometry is the minimum graduation requirement. Beginning with the class of 2020, Integrated Math II is the minimum math requirement.

- b. Successful completion of an approved sequence of courses that meet the Integrated Math I and II content standards. This sequence of courses could include, but is not limited to:

- (1) A two-, three-, or four-semester course in Integrated Math I

- (2) A two- or three-semester course in Integrated Math II

Requirements for graduation and specified alternative means for completing the prescribed course of study shall be made available to students, parents/guardians, and the public. (Education Code 51225.3)

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In the annual notification sent to parents/guardians pursuant to Education Code 48980, the Superintendent or designee shall include the following: (Education Code 48980)

1. Information about District high school graduation requirements and how each requirement satisfies or does not satisfy the subject matter requirements for admission to the California State University and the University of California.
2. A complete list of career technical education courses offered by the District that satisfy the subject matter requirements for admission to the California State University and the University of California, and which of the specific college admission requirements these courses satisfy.

C. Attendance Provisions for Non-Graduating Students

1. Students who are at least 18 years of age and who have not met all requirements for graduation from a Glendale school by the end of their eighth semester of high school may request to continue their work in high school for up to two additional semesters. The request should be made to the principal of the high school the student will attend for this extended high school opportunity.
 - a. Principals shall use the following criteria when considering these requests: the student currently has sufficient credits so that he/she may reasonably be expected to graduate by the end of the school year immediately following that of their original graduating class; the student has made a good faith effort during the seventh and/or eighth semester(s) of high school as evidenced by satisfactory citizenship, discipline, and attendance records; and, the student lives in the attendance area served by the Glendale Schools.
 - b. Students accepted for an extended high school opportunity are expected to complete graduation requirements in effect for their original graduating class. In addition, students are expected to maintain satisfactory attendance, behavior, and academic progress in order to maintain their status and continue to be enrolled.
 - c. Students who complete all graduation requirements during this extended opportunity will be awarded a diploma from the school they attended during their eighth semester of high school.

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2. Students 18 years of age or older may elect to complete work for a high school diploma at an adult education center or a community college. Students may contact these schools directly. Students choosing this option may receive a diploma from the school in which they were enrolled at the end of their eighth semester of high school provided that all GUSD graduation requirements are met by the end of the school year immediately following that of their original graduating class. Those students who have completed 8 semesters of high school and have not yet reached their 18th birthday may consider this option by contacting their counselor.
3. If a non-graduating senior needs additional time beyond the two semesters to complete the graduation course requirement or a dropout wants to re-enroll, a request to continue instruction in a District program can be made to the Director of Student Support Services.

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