

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

To graduate, a student must earn a minimum of **220 credits** in grades 9-12. A minimum of 25 credits must be earned during the semester (eighteen weeks) preceding graduation in order for students to participate in the graduation ceremony.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Graduation Requirements	
English	40 Credits
	Option 1
Mathematics	40 Credits (includes Alg I and math in Senior Yr)
	AND
Science	20 Credits (includes general and life)
	Option 2
	AND
	30 Credits
Social Science	35 Credits
Physical Education	20 Credits
	Option 1
World Language	10 Credits
	AND
	10 Credits
	Option 2
	20 Credits of the same language
Fine Arts	
Health	5 Credits
Technology	5 Credits or Proficiency
Speech	5 Credits or Proficiency
TOTAL CREDITS	190 Credits
Electives	30 Credits

Students may earn more than the minimum number of credits in any subject area. The remaining credits required for graduation (220) will be earned in elective classes. Students may not earn more than 45 credits in one semester.

**CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAMINATION (CAHSEE)
State of California Graduation Requirement**

All students are required to pass the California High School Exit Exam in order to graduate. To obtain more information, please visit the state web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/index.asp>.

General Structure for CAHSEE Test

Language Arts	Mathematics
Area Tested (including strands)	Area Tested (including strands)
Reading Vocabulary Informational Reading Literary Reading Writing Applications Essay	Mathematics Statistics, Data analysis, and Probability Number Sense Algebra and Functions Measurement and Geometry Mathematical Reasoning

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Seven regular semesters of attendance in grades 9-12 are required to qualify for a diploma. A summer session does not qualify as a regular semester.

MID-TERM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students who wish to graduate before the completion of eight semesters must request permission for mid-term graduation from their counselor, their principal, and their parents. In addition, they must complete the mid-term graduation process. To be considered for mid-term graduation, a student must be within thirty-five (35) credits of the required two hundred twenty (220) credits at the beginning of her/his last semester. Please see your counselor for assistance with this process.