

MERCED UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A diploma of graduation from high school shall be awarded to each student who has taken and passed the California High School Exit Exam beginning with the class of 2004 and who has satisfactorily met the course work requirements required for graduation. These requirements are:

1. Satisfactorily complete 220 semester hours of credit in grades nine through twelve.
2. Satisfactorily complete (take and pass) the following course requirements or their English Learner (EL) or special education program equivalent in the following sequence. Exceptions to this rule shall be determined on a case by case basis by the principal of the school with the right of appeal to the Superintendent.

REQUIRED SUBJECTS

SEMESTER CREDIT

ENGLISH

40 Credits

9th English I
10th English II
11th English III
12th English IV

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SOCIAL SCIENCE

35 Credits

9th Geography
10th World History
11th U.S. History
12th Economics
12th U.S. Government

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HEALTH - 9th - State Requirements

5 Credits

MATHEMATICS

20 Credits

Must complete 20 units of mathematics during the 9th - 12th grades and must complete a course (or courses) that cover the standards of Algebra 1 during the 7th - 12th grades. The algebra portion of the requirement may be met either partially or fully by conclusion of the 8th grade. Any algebra course(s) taken during the 9th - 12th grades may be included in the 20 units of mathematics required for graduation.

SCIENCE

20 Credits

9th - 12th

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(One course in Physical Science and one course in Life Science will be required beginning with the class of 2007.)

FINE ARTS/FOREIGN LANGUAGE

10 Credits

9 - 12th

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION (P.E.) 9th - 12th

20 Credits

9th P.E. I / Athletics I* / Band P.E.**
10th P.E. II / Athletics I* / Band P.E. **

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*Athletics I may be repeated for credit.

** Band P.E. may be used for P.E. credit, and may be repeated for credit.

ELECTIVES

70 Credits

Some elective units may include mandatory courses assigned by the principal or designee to remediate students who have not yet passed the California High School Exit Examination or who are failing to make adequate progress in the academic program

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION

220 Credits