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CLASS OF 2016 AND BEYOND

Graduation Requirements

for Hawai'i Public School Students



*If you have any questions regarding the graduation requirements,
please see your school counselor or principal.*

SUPERINTENDENT KATHRYN S. MATAYOSHI



Graduation Requirements CLASS OF 2016 AND BEYOND

GRADE POINT AVERAGE — Cumulative Grade Point Average applies to all graduates — Cum Laude: 3.0 to 3.5 | Magna Cum Laude: 3.5+ to 3.8 | Summa Cum Laude: 3.8+ and above

A Hawaii High School Diploma shall be issued to students who meet these minimum course and credit requirements (Board of Education Policy 4540, 10/4/2011).

COURSE REQUIREMENTS*	HAWAII HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
English	4.0 credits including: - English Language Arts 1 (1.0 credit); and - English Language Arts 2 (1.0 credit); and - Expository Writing (0.5 credit)
Social Studies	4.0 credits including: - Modern History of Hawaii (0.5 credit); and - Participation in a Democracy (0.5 credit)
Mathematics	3.0 credits including: - Algebra 1 (1.0 credit); and - Geometry (1.0 credit)
Science	3.0 credits including: - Biology 1 (1.0 credit); and - Laboratory science (2.0 credits)
World Language	2.0 credits in one of the specified programs of study
Fine Arts	
Career & Technical Education (CTE)	
Physical Education	1.0 credit
Health	0.5 credit
Personal Transition Plan	0.5 credit
Electives	6.0 credits, may include 1.0 elective credit for Senior Project
TOTAL	24.0 credits

*The DOE will establish a process for developing and approving proficiency-based equivalents, as applicable.

HONORS RECOGNITION CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

Effective school year 2012-13 for Class of 2016 and beyond. In addition to meeting the requirements for the Hawaii High School Diploma, the following must be met with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above:

ACADEMIC HONORS

4 credits of Math:

The 4th credit beyond Algebra 2 must be earned via a combination of the following half-credit courses (or equivalent IB math courses): Algebra 3, Trigonometry, Analytic Geometry, Precalculus.

4 credits of Science:

Of the four credits, one credit must be in Biology 1 (or equivalent IB Biology; or AP Biology courses); and the other three credits must be lab-based science credits.

Two credits minimum must be from AP/IB/Running Start courses (equivalent to credits for 2 college courses).

World Language: Credits earned must be from consecutive courses in the same Language (e.g., two credits in French; not one credit in French and one credit in Japanese).

CTE HONORS

Completes program of study (2-3 courses in sequence plus a state-identified specific academic course requirement).

- Earn a B or better in each required program of study (coursework).
- Meet or exceed proficiency on performance-based assessments for corresponding program of study.

Completes one of the following for the corresponding program of study.

- Earn at least 70% or better on each CTE course in the program of study; or
- Earn a nationally-recognized certificate; or
- Earn a 70% or better on a Dual Credit Articulated Program of Study written assessment.

Fine Arts: Credits earned must be from courses in the Fine Arts Discipline.

STEM HONORS

4 credits of Math:

The 4th credit beyond Algebra 2 must be earned via a combination of the following half-credit courses (or equivalent IB math courses): Algebra 3, Trigonometry, Analytic Geometry, Precalculus.

4 credits of Science:

Of the four science credits, one credit must be earned in Biology 1 (or equivalent IB Biology; or AP Biology courses); and the other three credits must be lab-based science credits.

A STEM Capstone/STEM Senior Project.

Commencement Exercises

Commencement exercises may be scheduled any time after the last day of school for seniors. The last day of school for seniors shall be set by the Hawaii State Department of Education. Students shall be permitted to participate in commencement if they:

- 1) meet the requirements for a diploma or certificate;
- 2) have fulfilled their financial obligations; and
- 3) meet other conditions, as established by the Department, which meet the standards of clarity, reasonableness, and justifiability.