



STATE OF HAWAII  
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

May 18, 2015

TO: The Honorable Donald Horner  
Chairperson, Board of Education

FROM:   
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Superintendent

SUBJECT: **Refined Language for Policy 104.1, High School Graduation Requirements and Commencement**

Following the Student Achievement Committee meeting on May 5, 2015, the Department of Education (Department) received additional feedback requesting additional clarification on the language for Policy 104.1, High School Graduation Requirements and Commencement (formerly Board Policy 4540).

The Department respectfully proposes that Members consider for action the attached version, which further clarifies the Department's 2016 graduation requirements. Due to multiple possible interpretations, this merely aligns the policy with implementation guidelines. There are no changes to the requirements.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support. Should you have any questions, please contact Assistant Superintendent Leila Hayashida at 808-586-3446 or via Lotus Notes.

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Attachment

c: Board of Education Members  
Chief of Staff to the Superintendent  
Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Student Support

<b>Course Requirements</b>	<b>Hawaii High School Diploma</b>
<b>English</b>	4.0 credits including English Language Arts 1 (1 credit), English Language Arts 2 (1 credit), and Expository Writing (0.5 credit) and 1.5 credits of common core aligned language arts electives or proficiency based equivalents.
<b>Social Studies</b>	4.0 credits including U.S. History and Government (1 credit), World History and Culture (1 credit), Modern History of Hawaii (0.5 credit) and Participation in a Democracy (0.5 credit) and 1 credit of standards based social studies elective or proficiency based equivalent
<b>Mathematics**</b>	3.0 credits including Algebra 1 (1 credit), Geometry (1 credit) and 1 credit of common core aligned math elective or proficiency based equivalent
<b>Science</b> 3.0 credits including Biology and 2 credits of standards based science electives or proficiency based equivalents	
<b>World Language</b> 2.0 credits in one of the specified programs of study or proficiency based equivalents	
<b>Fine Arts</b>	
<b>Career and Technical Education</b>	
<b>Physical Education</b> 1.0 credit or proficiency based equivalent	
<b>Health</b> 0.5 credit or proficiency based equivalent	
<b>Personal/Transition Plan</b> 0.5 credit	
<b>Electives</b> 6.0 credits	
<b>Total</b> 24.0 credits	

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