

High School Subject Area	State Mandated Requirements* (EC 51225.3) for High School Graduation	Oak Park High School Graduation Requirements	UC Requirements for Freshman Admissions	CSU Requirements for Freshman Admissions
English	Three Years (30 credits)	Four years (40 credits) of approved courses	Four years (40 credits) of approved courses	Four years (40 credits) of approved courses
Mathematics	Two years (20 credits), including Algebra I, beginning in 2003–04. (EC 51224.5)	Three years (30 credits) including algebra, and geometry	Three years (30 credits), including algebra, geometry, and intermediate algebra. Four years recommended.	Three years (30 credits), including algebra, intermediate algebra, and geometry.
Social Studies/Science	Three years (30 credits) of history/social studies, including one year of U.S. history and geography; one year of world history, culture, and geography; one semester of American government and civics, and one semester of economics.	Three and one-half years (35 credits), including World Geography, World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government, and Economics	Two years (20 credits) of history/social science, including one year of U.S. history or one-half year of U.S. history and one-half year of civics or American government; and one year of world history, cultures, and geography.	Two years (20 credits) including one year of U.S. history or U.S. history and government and one year of other approved social science.
Science	Two years (20 credits), including biological and physical sciences.	Three years (30 credits) including biological and physical sciences	Two years (20 credits) with lab required, chosen from biology, chemistry, and physics. Three years recommended.	Two years (20 credits), including one year of biological and one year of physical science with lab.
Foreign Language	One year (10 credits) of visual and performing arts, foreign language, or career technical education**.	Not required	Two years (20 credits) in same language required. Three years recommended.	Two years (20 credits) in same language required.
Visual and Performing Arts	One year (10 credits) of visual and performing arts, foreign language, or career technical education**.	One year (10 credits) of visual and performing arts chosen from the following: dance, drama/theater, music, or visual art.	One year (10 credits) of visual and performing arts chosen from the following: dance, drama/theater, music, or visual art.	One year (10 credits) of visual and performing arts chosen from the following: dance, drama/theater, music, or visual art.
Practical Skills	Not Applicable	(5 credits) One semester: All courses in the "Practical Skills" and "Computer Education" sections may be used to meet this requirement, in addition to the following English electives: Journalism, Yearbook and Speech; as well as the following Math electives: Accounting 1A, 1B and Financial Math.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Technology	Not Applicable	(5 credits) One semester. This requirement can be fulfilled by any of the following classes: Office Applications, Web Design, Small Business/e-Commerce, Computer Programming, AP Computer Science, Computer Animation, and Computer Graphics.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Life Skills	Not Applicable	(5 credits) One semester of Life Skills in the 12th grade.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Physical Education/Health	Two years (20 credits)	Two years (20 credits) of Physical Education One semester (5 credits) of Health	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Electives	Not Applicable	Five and one-half years (55 credits)	One year (10 credits) of approved CP electives***	One year (10 credits) of approved CP electives***
Total	130 credits	240 credits	150 credits (7 in the last two years of high school)	150 credits


State Mandated Requirements (notes)

* Beginning in 2005–06, all students must pass the California High School Exit Examination prior to graduation, in addition to meeting course requirements.

Beginning in 2009–10, *EC* Section 60852.3 provides an exemption from meeting the CAHSEE requirement as a condition of receiving a diploma of graduation for eligible students with disabilities who have an individualized education program (IEP) or a Section 504 plan.

Beginning January 1, 2010, students in foster care who transfer to a new school while in grades 11 or 12 may be able to graduate from high school without meeting the local graduation requirements that exceed the state minimum course requirements. In these cases, the district would need to conclude that the student would not reasonably be able to complete the additional local graduation requirements during the student's remaining time in high school. These students would still be required to pass the CAHSEE. See [CDE Foster Youth Resources](#) for additional information.

** Beginning with the 2012–13 school year (sunsets with the 2017–18 school year), *EC* Section 51225.3 provides that a district may choose to adopt a career technical education course as an optional high school graduation requirement. For more information about this requirement, see our [Frequently Asked Questions page](#).

*** Must be chosen from approved academic courses in history, English, advanced mathematics, lab science, foreign language, social science, or fine arts. See UC [Doorways](#)  for approved courses at your high school.