

Graduation Requirements

Earning a diploma from Mission Oak High School requires:

- 1) The successful completion of at least 220 credits, which are accumulated at the rate of 30 per semester, 60 per school year in grade 9, 10, 11 and 12;
- 2) Demonstrating minimum skills competency on the California State assessment exams in the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades; and,
- 3) Passing the California High School Exit Exam.
- 4) Pass one year of Algebra 1

The following are the minimum required subjects that must be successfully completed to earn a diploma:

SUBJECT	LENGTH OF TIME	CREDIT
English	8 semesters (4 years)	40
United States History	2 semesters (1 year)	10
World History	2 semesters (1 year)	10
Civics / American Government	1 semester (1/2 year)	5
Economics	1 semester (1/2 year)	5
Laboratory Science (one year each of biological and physical science)	4 semesters (2 years)	20
Physical Education (it could be up to 4 years if PE testing is not passed)	4 semesters (2 years)	20
Mathematics (At least one mathematics course, or a combination of two mathematics courses, shall meet or exceed state academic content standards for Algebra I. If any student completes coursework in grades 7 through 12 that meets or exceeds state academic content standards for algebra, those courses shall apply toward satisfying this mathematics requirement.)	4 semesters (2 years)	20
Visual and Performing Arts or Foreign Language	2 semesters (1 year)	10
Elective Courses		80
	TOTAL	220

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA - AND - CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS A-G (Grades of C or better required)

To satisfy the subject requirements, students must complete the high school courses listed below with a grade point average defined by the scholarship requirement. This sequence of courses is also known as the "a - g" subjects or requirements.

- a. **US HISTORY / SOCIAL SCIENCE (2 years required)**
Two years of history / social science to include: one year of US history and one-half year of civics or American government; and one year of world history, cultures, and geography.
- b. **ENGLISH (4 years required)**
Four years of college preparatory English that include frequent and regular writing, and reading of classic and modern literature, poetry, and drama. Not more than two semesters of grade 9 English can be used to meet this requirement.
- c. **MATHEMATICS (3 years required; four recommended)**
Three years, including elementary algebra, geometry, and second year (advanced) algebra. (Math courses taken in grades 7 and 8 may be used to meet part of this requirement if the high school accepts them as equivalent to its own courses.)

- d. **LABORATORY SCIENCE (2 years required; three recommended)**
Two years of laboratory science providing fundamental knowledge in at least two of these three areas: biology, chemistry, and physics. Laboratory courses in earth/space sciences are acceptable if they have as prerequisites or provide basic knowledge in biology, chemistry, or physics. Not more than one year of grade 9 laboratory science can be used to meet this requirement.
- e. **FOREIGN LANGUAGE (2 years of the same language required; three recommended)**
Two years of a language other than English. Courses should emphasize speaking and understanding, and include instruction in grammar, vocabulary, reading and composition.
- f. **VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS (1 year required)**
One year including dance, drama, theater, music and/or visual arts.
- g. **COLLEGE PREPARATORY ELECTIVE (1 year is required)**
One year (two semesters), in addition to those required in "a - f" above, chosen from the following areas: visual and performing arts, history, social science, English, laboratory science, and languages other than English (a third year in the language used for the "e" requirement or two years of another language.)

*Grades earned in the required subjects in grades 10-12 are used in the GPA calculation.