

SITE OPERATIONS CIRCULAR NO. 1013
Office of Leadership and Learning

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: February 9, 2015

To: High School Principals

Subject: HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS IN THE CLASS OF 2015 AND STUDENTS IN THE CLASS OF 2016 AND BEYOND

Department and/or High School Resources Office

Persons Concerned: All High School Administrators, Head Counselors, School Counselors, Registrars, and Site Technicians

(Due Date only if required) None

Reference: Administrative Procedure 4770: Graduation from Senior High

Action Requested: Review guidelines, recent changes, and implement as necessary

Brief Explanation:

1. Graduation Requirements for Students in the Class of 2015
All students in the class of 2015, including 5th year students, are expected to meet the graduation requirements for that class, as described in Administrative Procedure 4770. All students in the class of 2016 who wish to graduate early must also meet the graduation requirements for the class of 2015.

2. Credit Recovery
Students in the class of 2015 who are credit deficient may recover credits through the High School Diploma Program during 2014-15. High School Diploma Program (HDSP) coursework may not be used for credit recovery for students in the class of 2016 and beyond.

Students in the class of 2015 may recover credits through successful completion of online Apex Credit Recovery (ACTA) courses. Students in the class of 2016 and beyond may not recover credits through ACTA courses.

3. Suppression of D and F grades in Algebra and Geometry
A passing grade in Integrated Math I A-B will suppress a D or an F in Algebra 1-2. A passing grade in Integrated Math II A-B will suppress a D or an F in Geometry.

4. Computer Proficiency

Students in the Class of 2015 must meet the district Computer Proficiency requirement either through completion of a course of study that incorporates proficiency in computer applications or through satisfactory results on the district test of computer proficiency.

The Computer Proficiency requirement was eliminated for Students in the Class of 2016 and beyond by the Board of Education at its January 27, 2015 meeting.

5. Alternative Means to Satisfy Graduation Requirements

The Board of Education approved the CTE courses listed on Attachment A as alternative means for students in to satisfy UC 'a-g' graduation requirements. They may be used to fulfill course requirements as specified.

A detailed description of additional alternative means for students to satisfy UC 'a-g' graduation requirements is under development.

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APPROVED:



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Attachment

Distribution: Lists C, D, E, F, and Special List

**UC 'a-g' Approved CTE Courses
Requested to Serve as Alternative Means
for Students to Fulfill District Graduation Requirements**

January 27, 2015

Course Title	Course Number(s)	UC Approval	Alternative Graduation Credit Subject Area
Biotechnology 1,2	8704, 8705	d	Science *
Cinematic Arts 1,2	8239, 8240	f	VAPA
Computer Animation 1,2	3639, 3640	f	VAPA
Computerized Graphic Design 1,2; 1-2	8511, 8512, 8633	f	VAPA
Contemporary Communications 1,2	0651, 0652	b	English Lang. Arts
Digital Art and Mixed Media 1,2	8091, 8092	f	VAPA
Digital Art and Mixed Media 3,4	8093, 8094	f	VAPA
Economics and Finance 1,2	0569, 0570	g	Economics (History)
Economics and International Business 1,2	8629, 8630	g	Economics (History)
Environmental Science AP	8448, 8449	d	Science *
Fabrication and Design 1,2	8311, 8312	f	VAPA
Human Body Systems 1,2	3313, 3314	d	Science *
Introduction to Design 1,2	3657, 3658	f	VAPA
Introduction to Fabrication and Design 1,2	3591, 3592	f	VAPA
Introduction to Green Technology 1,2	3763, 3764	d	Science *
Introduction to Music Production Technology 1,2	3765, 3766	f	VAPA
Medical Interventions 1,2	8265, 8266	d	Science *
Multimedia Production 1,2; 1-2	8839, 8840, 8572	f	VAPA
Photographic Imaging 1,2	8105, 8106	f	VAPA
Photographic Imaging 3,4	8107, 8108	f	VAPA
Photography 1,2	3691, 3692	f	VAPA
Principles of Biomedical Science	3311, 3312	d	Science *
Screen Printing 1,2	8882, 8883	f	VAPA
Technical Theater 1,2	1413, 1414	f	VAPA
Technical Theater 3,4	1462, 1463	f	VAPA
Video Production 1,2; 1-2	8373, 8374, 8385	f	VAPA
Video Production 3,4	8375, 8376	f	VAPA

* Students must take one biological science, one physical science, and one additional science course . The courses listed here may not be used to fulfill either the biological science or physical science requirement. They may only be used to fulfill the student's third year of science requirement.