

IKF © GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Regular Education

A minimum number of units of credit are required for graduation by the Arizona State Board of Education. Listed below are the units that must be completed before a student may receive a high school diploma.

Graduation requirements may be met as follows:

- A. By successful completion of subject area course requirements.
- B. By mastery of the standards adopted by the State Board of Education and other competency requirements for the subject as determined by the Governing Board in accord with A.A.C. [R7-2-302.02](#) and rules established by the Superintendent.
- C. By earning credits through correspondence courses (limited to one [1] in each of the four [4] major subject areas) and/or by passing appropriate courses at the college or university level if the courses are determined to meet standards and criteria established by the Board and in accord with A.R.S. [15-701.01](#).
- D. By the transfer of credits as described in Policy JFABC.
- E. An out-of-state transfer student is not required to pass any competency test to graduate if the student has successfully passed a statewide assessment test on state adopted standards that are substantially equivalent to the State Board Adopted Academic Standards.

Graduation requirements as determined by the Arizona State Board of Education ([R7-2-302.02](#)) and the District Governing Board are as follows:

English		4.0 units
Math		4.0 units*
Science		3.0 units**
Social Studies		3.0 units***
American Government and Arizona Government	0.5 unit	
American History - including Arizona History	1.0 unit	
World History and Geography	1.0 unit	
Economics	0.5 unit	
Fine Arts or Career, Technical and Vocational Education		1.0 unit
Physical Education		1.0 units

Electives
Total

6.0 units
22.0 units

* Math courses shall consist of Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, (or its equivalent) and an additional course with significant math content as determined by the Governing Board. In lieu of one (1) credit of Algebra II or its equivalent course content, a student may request a personal curriculum in mathematics following R7-2-302.03.

Pursuant to the prescribed graduation requirements adopted by the State Board of Education, the Governing Board may approve a rigorous computer science course that would fulfill a mathematics course required for graduation from high school. The Governing Board may only approve a rigorous computer science course if the rigorous computer science course includes significant mathematics content and the Governing Board determines the high school where the rigorous computer science course is offered has sufficient capacity, infrastructure and qualified staff, including competent teachers of computer science.

** Three (3) credits of science in preparation for proficiency at the high school level on a state required test.

*** Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, the competency requirements for social studies shall include a requirement that, in order to graduate from high school or obtain a high school equivalency diploma, a pupil must correctly answer at least sixty (60) of the one hundred (100) questions listed on a test that is identical to the civics portion of the naturalization test used by the United States Citizenship And Immigration Services ("the Civics Test"). The Governing Board may determine the method and manner in which to administer the Civics Test. The District school shall document on the student's transcript that the student has passed the Civics Test. A student who does not obtain a passing score on the Civics Test may retake the Civics Test until the student obtains a passing score.

Special Education

Listed above, under "Regular Education," are the requirements that must be completed before a student may receive a high school diploma. Completion of graduation requirements for special education students who do not meet the required units of credit shall be determined on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the special education course of study and the individualized education program of the student. Graduation requirements established by the Governing Board may be met by a student as defined in A.R.S. [15-701.01](#) and A.A.C. [R7-2-302](#).

Students who receive special education shall not be required to achieve passing scores on the Civics Test, in order to graduate from high school unless the student is learning at a level appropriate for the student's grade level in a specific academic area and unless a passing score on the Civics Test is specifically required in a specific academic area by the student's individualized education program as mutually agreed on by the

student's parents and the student's individualized education program team or the student, if the student is at least eighteen years of age.

Competency requirements. Any student who is placed in special education classes, grades nine (9) through twelve (12), is eligible to receive a high school diploma without meeting state competency requirements.

State Seal of Biliteracy. The district may voluntarily participate in the state seal of biliteracy program by notifying the Superintendent of Public Instruction of such intention. Schools will then identify the students who have met the requirements to be awarded the state seal of biliteracy, which shall be affixed to the diploma and noted on the transcript of each student who has met the requirements.

CPR Instruction and Training. The district shall provide public school students with one (1) or more training sessions in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, through the use of psychomotor skills in an age-appropriate manner, during high school.

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LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 15-203
15-341
15-701.01
A.A.C. R7-2-302.02
R7-2-302.03

CROSS REF.: IGD - Curriculum Adoption
IGE - Curriculum Guides and Course Outlines
IHAMC – Instruction and Training in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
IIE - Student Schedules and Course Loads
IKA - Grading/Assessment Systems
JFABC - Admission of Transfer Students