

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
DIVISION OF ADULT AND CAREER EDUCATION

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SUBJECT: DIVISION OF ADULT AND CAREER EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL
DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HIGH
SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY EXAM

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I. INTRODUCTION

This guideline supersedes Guideline No. 13 issued on February 6, 2014. The content has been updated to reflect changes to High School Equivalency Certificate requirements, as well as changes to the courses required to receive a high school diploma from the Division.

II. BACKGROUND

As of January 2014, the Division of Adult and Career Education no longer offers the GED ®. Instead, the Division offers a new High School Equivalency Exam recognized by the State of California. The California State Department of Education issues High School Equivalency Certificates to individuals. The Division recognizes all High School Equivalency Certificates issued by the State of California or any other state. The Division offers a high school diploma to students who earn a High School Equivalency Certificate and complete required coursework.

III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Students who pass the English High School Equivalency Exam will qualify for a high school diploma with the completion of 50 additional units of required coursework (as listed on the following pages). Students who pass the Spanish version of the High School Equivalency Exam are required to complete 70 additional units to qualify for the high school diploma.

IV. AWARDING CREDIT FOR SECONDARY COURSES

When evaluating transcripts, schools should refer to the current year's LAUSD Graduation Bulletin for the purpose of determining secondary courses that would satisfy graduation requirements.

- A. Requirements for students passing the English version of the High School Equivalency Exam.

Subject Area (Total Credits)	Course	Credits
English (10)	English 4 or English 10B, Literature/American English Composition/Contemporary, Literature/Modern or any 11 th or 12 th grade English course	5
	English Composition/Expository	5
Mathematics (10)	Algebra 1/A and 1/B, or higher-level Mathematics	10
Health (5)	Health	5
Social Studies (15)	U.S. History 1 and 2	10
	U.S. Government	5
Personal and Career Development (10)	Life Skills, Economics, Consumer Economics, Parent Education, Psychology, AVID, Ethnic Studies, Social Justice, College & Career Planning or CTE Course	5
	Computer Operation 1/ Foundations or any other computer-based technology course - except keyboarding	5
TOTAL CREDITS		50

B. Requirements for students passing the Spanish version of the High School
Equivalency Exam

Subject Area (Total Credits)	Course	Credits
English (30)	English 1	5
	English 2	5
	English 3	5
	English 4	5
	Literature/American English Composition/Contemporary Literature/Modern or any 11 th or 12 th grade English course	5
	English Composition/Expository	5
Mathematics (10)	Algebra 1/A and 1/B, or higher-level Mathematics	10
Health (5)	Health	5
Social Studies (15)	U.S. History/1 and 2	10
	U.S. Government	5

Subject Area (Total Credits)	Course	Credits
Personal and Career Development (10)	Life Skills, Economics, Consumer Economics, Parent Education, AVID, Psychology, Ethnic Studies, Social Justice, College & Career Planning or CTE Course	5
	Computer Operation 1/Foundations or any other computer-based technology course – except keyboarding	5
TOTAL CREDITS		70

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