

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (FOR THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2016)

The Glendale Union High School District diploma is designed to satisfy the graduation requirements established by the State Board of Education and those of the Glendale Union High School District Governing Board, and provides students with a strong foundation for success in adult life. Meeting these requirements will result in a high school diploma, but may not satisfy all requirements for acceptance into a college or university.

STANDARD DIPLOMA

The Standard Diploma requires a student to earn twenty-two (22) total credits. The student and the student's parents are encouraged to check the admission requirements of any college or university the student wishes to attend. Specific courses that satisfy requirements for the Glendale Union High School District standard diploma are as follows:

4 Credits of Language Arts that must include:

1 Credit of English 1-2

1 Credit of English 3-4

1 Credit of English 5-6

1 Credit of English 7-8*

*Or the approved ELL sequence

3 Credits of Social Studies that must include:

1 Credit of World History and Geography/Arizona Geography

1 Credit of United States/Arizona History

1/2 Credit of United States Government/Arizona Government

1/2 Credit of Economics

3 Credits of Science (one Credit of which must be a Lab Science)

1 Credit Thinking Science *

1 Credit Biology*

1 additional Credit of Science

*Required of all students unless approved to move into a higher-level Science

4 Credits of Mathematics

1 Credit of Algebra I* to be taken during the freshman year

1 Credit of Geometry* to be taken following successful completion of Algebra I

1 Credit of Algebra II or equivalent *

1 additional credit of Mathematics

*Required of all students unless approved to move into a higher-level Math

1 Credit of Fine Arts/ Performing Arts Career and Technical Education (CTE)

This requirement can be satisfied by successfully completing two semesters (1/2 credit each) to be selected from the approved list of District courses which fulfill the state graduation requirements for Fine Arts or CTE.

1 Credit of Physical Education

6 Elective credits to be selected from the course offerings approved by this District

ADVANCED AND HONORS DIPLOMAS (FOR THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2016)

A student in the Glendale Union High School District may pursue a Glendale Union High School District Advanced Diploma or Honors Diploma, which indicates the student has exceeded the Glendale Union High School District and State requirements for graduation.

ADVANCED DIPLOMA

The ADVANCED DIPLOMA requires a student to earn twenty-three (23) total credits. Additionally, a student must maintain a core point average of 3.0 or rank in the upper 25% of his/her class at the end of seven semesters.

Specific courses that satisfy requirements for an Advanced Diploma are as follows:

4 Credits of Language Arts that must include:

- 1 Credit of English 1-2
- 1 Credit of English 3-4
- 1 Credit of English 5-6
- 1 Credit of English 7-8*
- *or the approved ELL sequence

3 Credits of Social Studies that must include:

- 1 Credit of World History and Geography/Arizona Geography
- 1 Credit of United States/Arizona History
- 1/2 Credit of United States Government/Arizona Government
- 1/2 Credit of economics

3 Credits of Science (one credit of which must be a Lab Science)

- 1 Credit of Thinking Science*
- 1 Credit of Biology*
- 1 additional credit of Chemistry, Physics, or AP Biology
- * Required of all students unless approved to move into a higher-level Science

4 Credits of Mathematics

- 1 Credit of Algebra I * to be taken during the freshman year
- 1 Credit of Geometry * to be taken following successful completion of Algebra I
- 1 Credit of Algebra II or equivalent *
- 1 additional credit of Mathematics for which Algebra II is a prerequisite
- *Required of all students unless approved to move into a higher-level Math

2 Credits of Foreign Language (must be two years of the same foreign language)

1 Credit of Fine Arts

This requirement can be satisfied by successfully completing two semesters (1/2 credit each) to be selected from the list of Fine Arts subjects as defined by the Arizona Board of Regents.

1 Credit of Physical Education

5 Elective credits to be selected from the course offerings approved by this District

HONORS DIPLOMA (FOR THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2016)

The Honors Diploma requires a student to earn twenty-four (24) credits. Additionally, a student must successfully complete a minimum of six (6) hours of Honors/AP credits with four (4) of the six (6) credits taken during his/her junior and senior year; maintain a core point average of 3.0 or rank in the upper 25% of his/her class at the end of seven (7) semesters.).

Specific courses that satisfy requirements for an HONORS DIPLOMA are as follows:

4 Credits of Language Arts that must include:

- 1 Credit of English 1-2
- 1 Credit of English 3-4
- 1 Credit of English 5-6
- 1 Credit of English 7-8*

3 Credits of Social Studies that must include:

- 1 Credit of World History and Geography/Arizona Geography
- 1 Credit of United States/Arizona History
- 1/2 Credit of United States Government/Arizona Government
- 1/2 Credit of Economics

3 Credits of Science (one credit of which must be a Lab Science)

- 1 Credit of Thinking Science*
- 1 Credit of Biology*
- 1 additional credits of Chemistry, Physics, or AP Biology
- * Required of all students unless approved to move into a higher-level Science

4 Credits of Mathematics

- 1 Credit of Algebra I * to be taken during the freshman year
- 1 Credit of Geometry * to be taken following successful completion of Algebra I
- 1 credit of Algebra II or equivalent *
- 1 additional credit of Mathematics College Algebra, Honors Pre-Calculus or AP Calculus
- *required of all students unless approved to move into a higher-level Math

2 Credits of Foreign Language (must be two years of the same foreign language)

1 Credit of Fine Arts

This requirement can be satisfied by successfully completing two semesters (1/2 credit each) to be selected from the list of Fine Arts subjects as defined by the Arizona Board of Regents.

1 Credit of Physical Education

6 elective credits to be selected from the course offerings approved by this District

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL DIPLOMAS

Students transferring from other schools will be eligible to graduate if they meet the requirements of this District. Additionally, transfer students may pursue the Advanced Diploma or Honors Diploma providing their transcript indicates that comparable courses have been successfully completed.

All students will be required by the state to take and pass the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) in Math, Reading and Writing in order to graduate. No student will be permitted to participate in graduation exercises unless the student has met the requirements for graduation as defined in this policy.

Physical education may be waived for homebound students.

STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE SEAL

The Glendale Union High School District has provided the opportunity for all students to receive a "Standard of Excellence" seal on their diplomas. The "Standard of Excellence" seal will be placed on the diploma of each student who maintains an overall honor point average of 4.20. This honor point average will be computed at the end of seven semesters and will reflect all high school level course work taken up to that time.