ADVANCED AND HONORS DIPLOMAS
(BEGINNING WITH THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2013)

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. It also indicates that the student has met or exceeded prerequisites for entering any one of Arizona’s three state universities, provided he/she maintains a minimum grade point average of 2.0 in each of the following six core areas: Language Arts, Social Studies, Lab Science, Mathematics, Foreign Language and Fine Arts. Students opting for an ADVANCED DIPLOMA or HONORS DIPLOMA will be required to meet the requirements set forth on the following pages.

ADVANCED DIPLOMA

The ADVANCED DIPLOMA requires a student to earn twenty-three (23) total credits. Additionally, a student must maintain a grade point average of 2.75 or rank in the upper 25% of his/her class at the end of seven semesters. An ADVANCED DIPLOMA indicates the student has met the prerequisites for entering any one of Arizona’s three state universities. 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 Science
* Required of all students unless exempted 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 exempted 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**
The HONORS DIPLOMA requires a student to earn twenty-four (24) credits. Additionally, a student must successfully complete a minimum of six honors/AP credits with four of the six credits taken during his/her junior and senior year; maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or rank in the upper 25% of his/her class at the end of seven semesters; and obtain a score of exceeds on at least two of the state-mandated tests (AIMS). An HONORS DIPLOMA indicates the student has met the prerequisites for entering any one of Arizona’s three state universities. 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*
*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 credits of Science
* Required of all students unless exempted 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 *
- 1 additional credit of Mathematics
*required of all students unless exempted 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
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 transcripts indicate 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 he/she 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.

**ARIZONA GRADUATION REQUIREMENT ELECTIVES**
The following is a list of course offerings that allow a student to be in compliance with Arizona graduation requirements.

**CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ELECTIVES**

- Applied Technology
- Automotive Technology Partnership: GCC
- Drafting and Design Technology
- Architectural Drafting and Design Technology
- Mechanical Drafting and Design Technology
- Engineering Sciences
- Advanced Engineering Sciences
- Metals 1-2, 3-4
- Cabinetmaking 1-2, 3-4
- Audio/Visual Technology
- Interactive Digital Media 1-2, 3-4
- Business & Computer Education
- Accounting 1-2
- Adv Accounting
- Business Computer Applications
- Business Fundamentals
- Business Internship (COE)
- Business Law
- Career Internship (DCE)
- CISCO Network Academy 1-2, 3-4
- Introduction to Business
- Keyboarding I
- Keyboarding 1-2
- Marketing
- Adv Marketing (DECA)
- Multimedia Computer Applications
Programming 1-2/Visual BASIC
Cosmetology
Cosmetology Partnership: West-MEC
Education Professions
Educational Professions
Advanced Educational Professions
Family & Consumer Sciences
Career Internship (FACS)
Child Development
Child Oriented Occupations Program (COOP)
Family Living
Independent Living
Introduction to Culinary Arts 1-2
Culinary Arts 1-2, 3-4
Graphic Communications
Digital Photography
Advanced Digital Photography
Introduction to Graphic Communications
School Publications
Advanced Desktop Publications
Medical Occupations
Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
Health Careers Education (HCE)
Health Care/Medical Terminology
Public Safety Occupations
Careers in Law Enforcement
Criminal Justice
Emergency Medical Tech. Partnership-West-MEC
Fire Science

FINE ARTS
Performing Arts
Communication Arts 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Dance – Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Theatre Arts 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Instrumental Music
Band - Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Guitar - Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Jazz Ensemble
Orchestra
Piano
Vocal Music
Choir 1-2, 3-4
Concert Choir
Vocal Ensemble
Visual Arts
Art 1-2, 3-4, Adv Art, AP Drawing
Photography 1-2, 3-4, Adv Photography, AP Two-Dimensional Design
Three-Dimensional Design 1-2, 3-4, Adv Three-Dimensional
Design, AP Three-Dimensional Design
(All courses listed above meet the Board of Regents’ Fine Arts requirements for entrance to the three state universities.)

OTHER APPROVED ELECTIVES

AP Computer Science
Journalism 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Library Media Services
Media Production
Programming 1-2/Visual BASIC
Publication Production
AFJROTC 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
NJROTC 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Note: All courses listed above are offered every year at Moon Valley High School.