



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

For Classes graduating in
2010, 2011, 2012



**High school graduation requirements of the
Hawaii public schools, grades 9-12 include:**

25 credits for the Board of Education
Recognition Diploma or
24 credits for the High School Diploma.

If you have any questions regarding these
graduation requirements, please see your
school counselor or principal.



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NOTE: *There are new graduation requirements for students graduating in 2013 and beyond. Please see your counselor for more information or visit <http://graduation.k12.hi.us>.*

CREDITS	BOE DIPLOMA	HS DIPLOMA
Requirements	16 credits	16 credits
English ¹	4	4
Social Studies	4	4
Mathematics	3 ²	3
Science	3 ³	3
Physical Education (P.E) ⁴	1	1
Health	1/2	1/2
Personal Transition Plan	1/2	1/2
Two credits in one of the following:	2 credits	2 credits
World Language (same language) ⁵		
Fine Arts		
Career and Technical Education		
Electives (Any Subject Area)	6 credits	6 credits
Senior Project	1 credit	not required
TOTAL:	25 credits	24 credits

¹ English shall include English Language Arts 1 (1 credit) and English Language Arts 2 (1 credit).
² No more than one math credit can be lower than Algebra 1.
³ No substitution courses are allowed for the three science credits.
⁴ P.E. includes a required 1/2 credit course, P.E. Lifetime Fitness, and a second 1/2 credit P.E. basic elective.
⁵ Credits earned must be in the same language, e.g., 2 credits in French, NOT 1 credit in French and 1 credit in Japanese.

Board of Education (BOE) Recognition Diploma

The Board of Education Recognition Diploma is awarded to students with grade point averages of 3.0 and above who successfully complete the Senior Project.

To students who meet the requirements, the BOE Recognition Diploma is awarded:

- *Cum Laude* with a GPA of 3.0 to 3.5;
- *Magna Cum Laude* with a GPA of 3.5+ to 3.8; or
- *Summa Cum Laude* with a GPA of 3.8+ and above.

High School Diploma

The High School Diploma shall be issued to students who have met all graduation requirements in the required courses by demonstrating proficiency in the Hawaii Content and Performance Standards and General Learner Outcomes.

Certificate of Completion

The Certificate of Completion of an Individually Prescribed Program (IPP) shall be issued to a student with a disability who completes all the requirements set by the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Commencement Exercises

Students shall be permitted to participate in commencement exercises if they:

- 1) meet the requirements for a diploma or a certificate;
- 2) have fulfilled their financial obligations; and
- 3) satisfy other conditions that meet the standards of clarity, reasonableness, and justifiability, as established by the Department of Education.