

### **Board of Education (BOE) Recognition Diploma with Honors**

The Board of Education Recognition Diploma with Honors is awarded to students with grade point averages of 3.0 and above who successfully complete course and other requirements.

To students who meet the requirements, the BOE Recognition Diploma with Honors 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.

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### **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.



# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Beginning with the  
Class of 2013



### **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.

Superintendent



**The Honorable Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawaii**

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*In March 2008, the Hawaii State Board of Education (BOE) increased the rigor of the BOE Recognition Diploma for the Class of 2013. The upgraded diploma requirements will help students to be better prepared for careers, college, and civic responsibility.*

*National research and local data show that the types of courses required by the BOE Recognition Diploma will prepare students to advance in living wage jobs and achieve success in college-level courses.*

*For additional information, please see your counselor or visit <http://graduation.k12.hi.us>.*

**CLASS OF 2013 DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS**

COURSE REQUIREMENTS	BOE RECOGNITION DIPLOMA*	HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
<b>English</b>	4.0 credits including: • English Language Arts 1 (1 credit); • English Language Arts 2 (1 credit); and • Expository Writing (0.5 credit)	4.0 credits including: • English Language Arts 1 (1 credit); and • English Language Arts 2 (1 credit)
<b>Social Studies</b>	4.0 credits including: • Modern History of Hawaii (0.5 credit); and • Participation in a Democracy (0.5 credit)	4.0 credits including: • Modern History of Hawaii (0.5 credit); and • Participation in a Democracy (0.5 credit)
<b>Mathematics**</b>	4.0 credits including: Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II or the equivalent	3.0 credits
<b>Science</b>	3.0 credits including: 2.0 credits in Chemistry, Biology, and/or Physics	3.0 credits
<b>World Language</b> <b>Fine Arts</b> <b>Career and Technical Education</b>	2.0 credits in one of the specified courses	2.0 credits in one of the specified courses
<b>Senior Project</b>	1.0 credit	Not Required
<b>Physical Education</b>	1.0 credit	1.0 credit
<b>Health</b>	0.5 credit	0.5 credit
<b>Personal Transition Plan</b>	0.5 credit	0.5 credit
<b>Electives</b>	5.0 credits	6.0 credits
<b>Total</b>	<b>25.0 credits</b>	<b>24.0 credits</b>
<b>Other</b>	Meet standard on Algebra II End of Course Exam	

\*Graduates with a GPA of 3.0 or better will be awarded the BOE Recognition Diploma with Honors.  
\*\*Mathematics requirements for a BOE Recognition Diploma with Honors is 4.0 credits, including as a minimum, Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II or the equivalent.