

Vision of the Public School Graduate

Our graduates will...

Realize their goals and aspirations

Possess essential attitudes, knowledge, and skills

Contribute positively to and compete in society

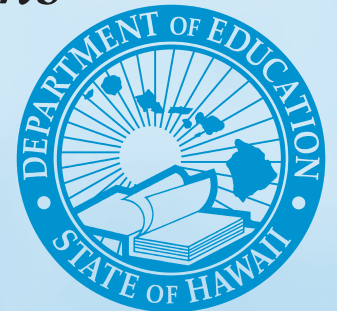
Exercise citizenship rights and responsibilities

Master subjects without need for remediation

...further their education and pursue careers around the world.

*Class of
2013*

*Information
for parents and
guardians*



CLASS OF 2013 DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

Dear Parents and Guardians:

This is an exciting time in your child's life. During the next couple of months, students in the eighth grade will be registering for their freshman year in high school.

Choosing classes to earn credits towards graduation in 2013 will be an important decision for you and your child each school year.

For ninth graders, a majority of their classes are required coursework. Beginning with the tenth grade, however, the classes your child chooses will help to determine their preparation for careers or college after high school graduation.

Your child has the option to choose between a BOE Recognition Diploma or a high school diploma.

Earlier this year, 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 your son or daughter to be better prepared for careers, college, and civic responsibility.

By earning the BOE Recognition Diploma, graduates demonstrate to colleges and employers that they can challenge themselves successfully to accomplish goals.

Students who successfully graduate with a 3.0 grade point average and complete required course work will graduate with a BOE Recognition Diploma with Honors.

Benefits to earning this challenging voluntary diploma include eligibility for some private and public scholarships, admission to local colleges and universities, and advancements in some job application processes.

We strongly encourage you to take the time to discuss the benefits of earning the BOE Recognition Diploma or the high school diploma with your child. Should you have any questions, please speak with your school counselor or visit <http://graduation.k12.hi.us>.

Mahalo.

Patricia Hamamoto
Superintendent



COURSE REQUIREMENTS	BOE RECOGNITION DIPLOMA*	HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
English	4.0 credits including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Language Arts 1 (1 credit); English Language Arts 2 (1 credit); and Expository Writing (0.5 credit) 	4.0 credits including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Language Arts 1 (1 credit); and English Language Arts 2 (1 credit)
Social Studies	4.0 credits including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modern History of Hawaii (0.5 credit); and Participation in a Democracy (0.5 credit) 	4.0 credits including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modern History of Hawaii (0.5 credit); and Participation in a Democracy (0.5 credit)
Mathematics**	4.0 credits including: Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II or the equivalent	3.0 credits
Science	3.0 credits including: 2.0 credits in Chemistry, Biology, and/or Physics	3.0 credits
World Language Fine Arts Career and Technical Education	2.0 credits in one of the specified courses	2.0 credits in one of the specified courses
Senior Project	1.0 credit	Not Required
Physical Education	1.0 credit	1.0 credit
Health	0.5 credit	0.5 credit
Personal Transition Plan	0.5 credit	0.5 credit
Electives	5.0 credits	6.0 credits
Total	25.0 credits	24.0 credits
Other	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.