

Certificate of Completion



What It Means

A student has completed high school, but didn't meet all requirements of graduation. These students may attend through their 22nd birthday.

Graduation Requirements

Unlike a diploma, the requirements are often flexible and can be tied to a student's IEP goals.

Accommodations

Yes

Curriculum Modifications

Yes

Alternative Pathway to High School Diploma



What It Means

A student who has completed the minimum coursework (based on the alternate achievement standards) for a high school diploma and takes the California Alternative Assessment (CAA). These students may attend through their 22nd birthday even though they have received a diploma.

Graduation Requirements

Unlike a standard diploma, per Section 51225.31, a student must meet the minimum requirements to receive a diploma based on a standards-based curriculum. Students must take:

- Three courses in [English](#)
- Two courses in [mathematics](#), including one year of Algebra I
- Two courses in [science](#), including biological and physical sciences
- Three courses in [social studies](#), including United States history and geography; world history, culture, and geography; a one-semester course in American government and civics, and a one-semester course in economics
- One course in [visual or performing arts](#), [world language](#), or career technical education
- Two courses in [physical education](#), unless exempted

Accommodations

Yes

Curriculum Modifications

Yes

High School Diploma



What It Means

A student who has met all requirements for graduation

Graduation Requirements

To earn a diploma, a student typically must pass 4 years of grade level English, 3 years of math, 3 years of social studies, Biology and a physical science and other required classes. They must complete all class credits (220 total units) required by California.

Accommodations

Yes

Curriculum Modifications Allowed

Maybe. By changing what a student learns, modifications can hurt a student's ability to earn a high school diploma.

