

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY

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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

I. Program

Nevada Revised Statutes and Nevada State Board of Education regulations mandate the minimum requirements for receiving a diploma.

The Clark County School District strives to prepare graduates for success in post-secondary education and in the workforce by providing a rigorous curriculum. All high school students will be enrolled in the 21st Century Course of Study. Exceptions to completing the 21st Century Course of Study will require the approval of the principal or administrative designee and the parent or guardian.

Each ninth-grade student must have an approved four-year academic plan that sets forth the specific educational goals the student intends to achieve before graduation from high school. For students enrolling in high school after ninth grade, an academic plan will be created with appropriate grade level modifications.

Students in the Class of 2014 and beyond may earn one of the following diplomas: Standard Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Advanced Honors Diploma, or Adjusted Diploma. Guidelines for issuing diplomas are found in the Manual for Registrars and Counselors.

II. Standard Diploma

To receive a Standard Diploma signifying graduation from a Clark County School District high school, a student must fulfill those requirements as designated by the Nevada State Board of Education in the Nevada State Content and Performance Standards and regulation as established by the Clark County Board of School Trustees.

III. Advanced Diploma

The Advanced Diploma requires additional credits beyond the credits required for the Standard Diploma. Students who elect to earn an Advanced Diploma are required to earn one additional science credit and one additional social studies/arts and humanities/career and technical education credit in the twenty-four (24) total required credits. Students must earn 4.0 mathematics units, 6.0 units for elective courses for a total of 24.0 credits, and maintain a 3.25 unweighted GPA.

IV. Advanced Honors Diploma

The Advanced Honors Diploma requires additional rigorous course work beyond those required for the Advanced Diploma. Students will be required to fulfill the Advanced Diploma requirements and must complete the Honors, International Baccalaureate (IB), or Advanced Placement (AP) courses required of the Honors Course Offerings.

V. Adjusted Diploma

Adjusted Diplomas may be awarded to students accessing special education services who have fulfilled all requirements outlined in their individualized education program (IEP).

VI. Extended Enrollment

Clark County School District students who have earned sixteen and one-half (16 1/2) units at the end of their fourth year may be allowed to return for a fifth year.

Students who have less than sixteen and one-half (16 1/2) units at the end of four years of high school may earn a diploma through the programs included in the state-approved District plan for alternative education.

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