

## LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

In order to receive a high school diploma at Lincoln High School each student must fulfill the following requirements:

- I. 44 semester credits, (32 credits required, grades 10-12)
- II. Have a cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.00
- III. Pass both sections of the California High School Exit Exam
- IV. Satisfy the requirements of the Senior Exhibition
- V. Demonstrate computer literacy proficiency

### I. 44 SEMESTER CREDITS

- **English:** 8 Semester Credits

Includes 1 credit in a course that emphasizes American literature and 3 credits from the prescribed list of English courses contained in the district Course of Study. English credit will not be granted for drama, public speaking, or journalism. Drama qualifies for visual and performing arts credit; public speaking courses qualify for elective credit; and, journalism qualifies for practical arts credit. English as a Second Language (ESL) may be used to fulfill the 8-semester English requirement.

- **Mathematics:** 6 Semester Credits

2 credits in Algebra, 2 credits in Geometry, and 2 additional math credits are required. These credits may be substituted with advanced-level courses.

- **Physical Education:** 4 Semester Credits

Choices include physical education (PE), athletics, interscholastic sports, JROTC (Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps), marching band, cheer, and drill team. All ninth graders must be enrolled in PE.

- **Science:** 6 Semester Credits

2 credits in Physical Science, 2 credits in Life Science, and 2 additional credits of UC-approved coursework. These credits may be substituted with advanced-level courses.

- **History/Social Sciences:** 6 Semester Credits

2 credits in World History and Geography, 2 credits in U.S. History and Geography, and 1 credit each in Government and Economics or other approved electives. These credits may be substituted with advanced-level courses.

- **World Languages and Visual, Performing or Practical Arts:** 3 Semester Credits 3 Semester Credits in an Available Option

- ❖ **Option A:** 2 semesters of a world language (a one-year course) and 1 semester of visual, performing, or practical arts, or

- ❖ **Option B:** 2 visual or performing arts and 1 semester of practical arts. Visual and performing arts include courses in art, music, and drama/theater arts. Practical arts include courses in business education, consumer and family studies, industrial education, vocational and occupational programs, instructional television, journalism, and yearbook.

- **Electives:** 11 Semester Credits

Additional credits needed to complete the required 44 semester credits may be earned by completing additional courses in subject areas specified above or by taking a Regional Occupational Program (ROP) course, a foreign language, or any other approved courses.

**II. CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 2.00.**

A student's cumulative GPA must be 2.0 or higher in order to receive a diploma. You can find the cumulative GPA of a student by looking on his/her report card or transcript, or by calling the student's counselor.

**III. PASS BOTH SECTIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAM**

The CAHSEE is divided into two parts: English Language Arts and Mathematics. Students must pass both parts in order to graduate (go to the counseling home page -- CAHSEE for more information on the test).

**IV. SENIOR EXHIBITION**

All graduating seniors are required to present a Senior Exhibition as part of their graduation requirements. This is an opportunity for students to share how they have met academic and applied-learning standards. At Lincoln High, the Senior Exhibition requirement will be fulfilled through enrollment in the Business Environments Course.

**V. COMPUTER LITERACY**

All students must demonstrate proficiency in computer literacy in grades 7-12 by taking an approved course or successfully completing a district test.