

5031A GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
(FOR THE GRADUATING CLASSES OF 2009, 2010, 2011)

The Glendale Union High School District diploma is designed to satisfy the graduation requirements established by the State Board of Education and those of the Glendale Union High School District Governing Board, and provides students with a strong foundation for success in adult life. Meeting these requirements will result in a high school diploma, but may not satisfy all requirements for acceptance into a college or university. Twenty (20) total credits are required for the Glendale Union High School District diploma. The student and his/her parents are encouraged to check the admission requirements of any college or university the student wishes to attend.

Specific courses that satisfy requirements for the Glendale Union High School District diploma are as follows:

4 Credits of Language Arts that must include:

1 Credit of English 1-2

1 Credit of English 3-4

1 Credit of English 5-6

1 Credit of English 7-8 *

* Or the approved ELL sequence

3 Credits of Social Studies that must include:

1 Credit of World History and Geography/Arizona Geography

1 Credit of United States/Arizona History

1/2 Credit of United States Government/Arizona Government

1/2 Credit of Economics

2 Credits of Science (one credit of which must be a lab science)

1 Credit of Thinking Science*

1 Credit of Biology*

*Required of all students unless exempted to move into a higher-level Science

2 Credits of Mathematics

1 Credit of Algebra I* to be taken during the freshman year

1 Credit of Geometry* to be taken following successful completion of Algebra I

*Required of all students unless exempted to move into a higher-level math

1 Credit of Fine Arts/Performing Arts or Career and Technical Education (CTE)

This requirement can be satisfied by successfully completing two semesters (1/2 credit each) to be selected from the approved list of District courses which fulfill the state graduation requirements for fine arts or CTE. This requirement can also be satisfied by successfully completing two semesters of a fine arts subject as defined by the Arizona Board of Regents.

1 Credit of Physical Education

7 Elective credits to be selected from the course offerings approved by this District

Students transferring from other schools will be eligible to graduate if they meet the requirements of this District.

ENDORSED DIPLOMA (FOR THE GRADUATING CLASSES OF 2009, 2010, 2011)

A student in the Glendale Union High School District may pursue a Glendale Union High School District endorsement on his/her transcript and diploma, which indicates the student has exceeded the Glendale Union High School District and State requirements for graduation. It also indicates that the student has met or exceeded prerequisites for entering any one of Arizona's three state universities, provided he/she maintains a minimum grade point average of 2.0 in each of the following six core areas: Language Arts, Social Studies, Lab Science, Mathematics, Foreign Language and Fine Arts.

Students opting for an endorsement will be required to complete twenty-three (23) credits of study and maintain a 3.0 grade point average or rank in the upper 25% of their class.

Specific courses that satisfy requirements for an ENDORSED DIPLOMA are as follows:

4 Credits of Language Arts that must include:

1 Credit of English 1-2

1 Credit of English 3-4

1 Credit of English 5-6

1 Credit of English 7-8*

* Or the approved ELL sequence

3 Credits of Social Studies that must include:

1 Credit of World History and Geography/Arizona Geography

1 Credit of United States/Arizona History

1/2 Credit of United States Government/Arizona Government

1/2 Credit of Economics

3 Credits of Science to be selected from the following:

1 Credit of Thinking Science*

1 Credit of Biology*

1 Additional credit of Science

* Required of all students unless exempted to move into a higher-level Science

4 Credits of Mathematics to be selected from the following:

1 Credit of Algebra I*

1 Credit of Geometry*

1 Credit of Algebra II *

1 additional credit of mathematics

*Required of all students unless exempted to move into a higher-level math

2 Credits of Foreign Language (must be two years of the same foreign language)

1 Credit of Fine Arts

This requirement can be satisfied by successfully completing two semesters

(1/2 credit each) to be selected from the list of Fine Arts subjects as defined by the Arizona Board of Regents.

1 Credit of Physical Education

5 Elective credits to be selected from the course offerings approved by this District

Transfer students may pursue the endorsement providing their transcripts indicate that comparable courses have been successfully completed.

All students will be required by the State to take and pass the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) in math, reading and writing in order to graduate. No student will be permitted to participate in graduation exercises unless he/she has met the requirements for graduation as defined in this policy.

Physical Education may be waived for homebound students.

STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE SEAL

The Glendale Union High School District has provided the opportunity for all students to receive a "Standard of Excellence" seal on their diplomas. The "Standard of Excellence" seal will be placed on the diploma of each student who maintains an overall honor point average of 4.20. This honor point average will be computed at the end of seven semesters and will reflect all high school level course work taken up to that time.

5031B GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (FOR THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2012)

The Glendale Union High School District diploma is designed to satisfy the graduation requirements established by the State Board Of Education and those of the Glendale Union High School District Governing Board, and provides students with a strong foundation for success in adult life. Meeting these requirements will result in a high school diploma, but may not satisfy all requirements for acceptance into a college or university. Twenty (20) total credits are required for the Glendale Union High School District diploma. The student and his/her parents are encouraged to check the admission requirements of any college or university the student wishes to attend.

Specific courses that satisfy requirements for the Glendale Union High School District diploma are as follows:

4 credits of language arts that must include:

1 credit of English 1-2

1 credit of English 3-4

1 credit of English 5-6

1 credit of English 7-8 *

* Or the approved ELL sequence

3 credits of Social Studies that must include:

1 credit of World History and Geography/Arizona Geography

1 credit of United States/Arizona History

1/2 credit of United States Government/Arizona Government

1/2 credit of Economics

2 credits of Science (one credit of which must be a lab Science)

1 credit of Thinking Science*

1 credit of Biology*

*Required of all students unless exempted to move into a higher-level Science

3 credits of Mathematics

1 credit of Algebra I* to be taken during the freshman year

1 credit of Geometry* to be taken following successful completion of Algebra I

1 additional credit of Mathematics

*Required of all students unless exempted to move into a higher-level math

1 credit of Fine Arts/Performing Arts or Career and Technical Education (CTE)

This requirement can be satisfied by successfully completing two semesters (1/2 credit each) to be selected from the approved list of District courses which fulfill the state graduation requirements for Fine Arts or CTE. This requirement can also be satisfied by successfully completing two semesters of a Fine Arts subject as defined by the Arizona Board of Regents.

1 credit of Physical Education

6 elective credits to be selected from the course offerings approved by this District

Students transferring from other schools will be eligible to graduate if they meet the requirements of this District.

ENDORSED DIPLOMA (FOR THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2012)

A student in the Glendale Union High School District may pursue a Glendale Union High School District endorsement on his/her transcript and diploma, which indicates the student has exceeded the Glendale Union High School District and state requirements for graduation. It also indicates that the student has met or exceeded prerequisites for entering any one of Arizona's three state universities, provided he/she maintains a minimum grade point average of 2.0 in each of the following six core areas: Language Arts, Social Studies, Lab Science, Mathematics, Foreign Language and Fine Arts.

Students opting for an endorsement will be required to complete twenty-three (23) credits of study and maintain a 3.0 grade point average or rank in the upper 25% of their class.

Specific courses that satisfy requirements for an ENDORSED DIPLOMA are as follows:

4 credits of Language Arts that must include:

1 credit of English 1-2

1 credit of English 3-4

1 credit of English 5-6

1 credit of English 7-8*

*Or the approved ELL sequence

3 credits of Social Studies that must include:

1 credit of World History and Geography/Arizona Geography

1 credit of United States/Arizona History

1/2 credit of United States Government/Arizona Government

1/2 credit of Economics

3 credits of Science to be selected from the following:

1 credit of Thinking Science*

1 credit of Biology*

1 additional credit of Science

*Required of all students unless exempted to move into a higher-level Science

4 credits of Mathematics to be selected from the following:

1 credit of Algebra I* to be taken during the freshman year

1 credit of Geometry* to be taken following successful completion of Algebra I

1 credit of Algebra II *

1 additional credit of Mathematics

*Required of all students unless exempted to move into a higher-level math

2 credits of Foreign Language (must be two years of the same foreign language)

1 credit of Fine Arts

This requirement can be satisfied by successfully completing two semesters (1/2 credit each) to be selected from the list of fine arts subjects as defined by the Arizona Board of Regents.

1 credit of Physical Education

5 elective credits to be selected from the course offerings approved by this District

Transfer students may pursue the endorsement providing their transcripts indicate that comparable courses have been successfully completed.

All students will be required by the state to take and pass the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) in math, reading and writing in order to graduate. No student will be permitted to participate in graduation exercises unless he/she has met the requirements for graduation as defined in this policy.

Physical Education may be waived for homebound students.

STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE SEAL

The Glendale Union High School District has provided the opportunity for all students to receive a "Standard of Excellence" seal on their diplomas. The "Standard of Excellence" seal will be placed on the diploma of each student who maintains an overall honor point average of 4.20. This honor point average will be computed at the end of seven semesters and will reflect all high school level course work taken up to that time.

5031C – GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
(BEGINNING WITH THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2013)

The Glendale Union High School District diploma is designed to satisfy the graduation requirements established by the State Board of Education and those of the Glendale Union High School District Governing Board, and provides students with a strong foundation for success in adult life. Meeting these requirements will result in a high school diploma, but may not satisfy all requirements for acceptance into a college or university. Twenty-two (22) total credits are required for the Glendale Union High School District STANDARD DIPLOMA. The student and his/her parents are encouraged to check the admission requirements of any college or university the student wishes to attend.

Specific courses that satisfy requirements for the Glendale Union High School District STANDARD DIPLOMA are as follows:

4 credits of Language Arts that must include:

1 credit of English 1-2

1 credit of English 3-4

1 credit of English 5-6

1 credit of English 7-8*

*Or the approved ELL sequence

3 credits of Social Studies that must include:

1 credit of World History and Geography/Arizona Geography

1 credit of United States/Arizona History

1/2 credit of United States Government/Arizona Government

1/2 credit of Economics

3 credits of Science (one credit of which must be a lab Science)

1 credit Thinking Science *

1 credit Biology*

1 additional credit of Science

*Required of all students unless exempted to move into a higher-level Science

4 credits of Mathematics

1 credit of Algebra I* to be taken during the freshman year

1 credit of Geometry* to be taken following successful completion of Algebra I

1 credit of Algebra II or equivalent *

1 additional credit of Mathematics

*Required of all students unless exempted to move into a higher-level math

1 credit of Fine Arts/ Career and Technical Education (CTE)

This requirement can be satisfied by successfully completing two semesters (1/2 credit each) to be selected from the approved list of District courses which fulfill the state graduation requirements for Fine Arts or CTE. This requirement can also be satisfied by successfully completing two semesters of a Fine Arts subject as defined by the Arizona Board of Regents.

1 credit of Physical Education

6 elective credits to be selected from the course offerings approved by this District

ADVANCED AND HONORS DIPLOMAS (BEGINNING WITH THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2013)

A student in the Glendale Union High School District may pursue a Glendale Union High School District ADVANCED DIPLOMA or HONORS DIPLOMA, which indicates the student has exceeded the Glendale Union High School District and state requirements for graduation. It also indicates that the student has met or exceeded prerequisites for entering any one of Arizona's three state universities, provided he/she maintains a minimum grade point average of 2.0 in each of the following six core areas: Language Arts, Social Studies, Lab Science, Mathematics, Foreign Language and Fine Arts. Students opting for an ADVANCED DIPLOMA or HONORS DIPLOMA will be required to meet the requirements set forth on the following pages.

ADVANCED DIPLOMA

The ADVANCED DIPLOMA requires a student to earn twenty-three (23) total credits. Additionally, a student must maintain a grade point average of 2.75 or rank in the upper 25% of his/her class at the end of seven semesters. An ADVANCED DIPLOMA indicates the student has met the prerequisites for entering any one of Arizona's three state universities.

Specific courses that satisfy requirements for an ADVANCED DIPLOMA are as follows:

4 credits of Language Arts that must include:

- 1 credit of English 1-2
- 1 credit of English 3-4
- 1 credit of English 5-6
- 1 credit of English 7-8*
- *or the approved ELL sequence

3 credits of Social Studies that must include:

- 1 credit of World History and Geography/Arizona Geography
- 1 credit of United States/Arizona History
- 1/2 credit of United States Government/Arizona Government
- 1/2 credit of economics

3 credits of Science (one credit of which must be a lab Science)

- 1 credit of Thinking Science*
- 1 credit of Biology*
- 1 additional credit of Science
- *Required of all students unless exempted to move into a higher-level Science

4 credits of Mathematics

- 1 credit of Algebra I * to be taken during the freshman year
- 1 credit of Geometry * to be taken following successful completion of Algebra I
- 1 credit of Algebra II or equivalent *
- 1 additional credit of Mathematics
- *Required of all students unless exempted to move into a higher-level math

2 credits of Foreign Language (must be two years of the same foreign language)

1 credit of Fine Arts

This requirement can be satisfied by successfully completing two semesters (1/2 credit each) to be selected from the list of Fine Arts subjects as defined by the Arizona Board of Regents.

1 credit of Physical Education

5 elective credits to be selected from the course offerings approved by this District

HONORS DIPLOMA (BEGINNING WITH THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2013)

The HONORS DIPLOMA requires a student to earn twenty-four (24) credits. Additionally, a student must successfully complete a minimum of six honors/AP credits with four of the six credits taken during his/her junior and senior year; maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or rank in the upper 25% of his/her class at the end of seven semesters; and obtain a score of exceeds on at least two of the state-mandated tests (AIMS). An HONORS DIPLOMA indicates the student has met the prerequisites for entering any one of Arizona's three state universities.

Specific courses that satisfy requirements for an HONORS DIPLOMA are as follows:

4 credits of Language Arts that must include:

- 1 credit of English 1-2
- 1 credit of English 3-4
- 1 credit of English 5-6
- 1 credit of English 7-8*
- *or the approved ELL sequence

3 credits of Social Studies that must include:

- 1 credit of World History and Geography/Arizona Geography
- 1 credit of United States/Arizona History
- 1/2 credit of United States Government/Arizona Government
- 1/2 credit of Economics

3 credits of Science (one credit of which must be a lab Science)

- 1 credit of Thinking Science*
- 1 credit of Biology*
- 1 additional credits of Science
- * Required of all students unless exempted to move into a higher-level Science

4 credits of Mathematics

- 1 credit of Algebra I * to be taken during the freshman year
- 1 credit of Geometry * to be taken following successful completion of Algebra I
- 1 credit of Algebra II *
- 1 additional credit of Mathematics
- *required of all students unless exempted to move into a higher-level math

2 credits of Foreign Language (must be two years of the same foreign language)

1 credit of Fine Arts

This requirement can be satisfied by successfully completing two semesters (1/2 credit each) to be selected from the list of Fine Arts subjects as defined by the Arizona Board of Regents.

1 credit of Physical Education

6 elective credits to be selected from the course offerings approved by this District

Students transferring from other schools will be eligible to graduate if they meet the requirements of this District. Additionally, transfer students may pursue the ADVANCED DIPLOMA or HONORS DIPLOMA providing their transcripts indicate that comparable courses have been successfully completed.

All students will be required by the state to take and pass the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) in math, reading and writing in order to graduate. No student will be permitted to participate in graduation exercises unless he/she has met the requirements for graduation as defined in this policy.

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ARIZONA GRADUATION REQUIREMENT ELECTIVES

The following is a list of course offerings that allow a student to be in compliance with Arizona graduation requirements.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Applied Technology

Automotive Technology Partnership: GCC
Drafting and Design Technology
Architectural Drafting and Design Technology
Mechanical Drafting and Design Technology
Engineering Sciences
Advanced Engineering Sciences
Metals 1-2, 3-4
Cabinetmaking 1-2, 3-4

Audio/Visual Technology

Interactive Digital Media 1-2, 3-4

Business & Computer Education

Accounting 1-2
Adv Accounting
Business Computer Applications
Business Fundamentals
Business Internship (COE)
Business Law
Career Internship (DCE)
CISCO Network Academy 1-2, 3-4
Introduction to Business
Keyboarding I
Keyboarding 1-2
Marketing
Adv Marketing (DECA)
Multimedia Computer Applications
Programming 1-2/Visual BASIC

Cosmetology

Cosmetology Partnership: West-MEC

Education Professions

Educational Professions
Advanced Educational Professions

Family & Consumer Sciences

Career Internship (FACS)
Child Development
Child Oriented Occupations Program (COOP)
Family Living
Independent Living
Introduction to Culinary Arts 1-2
Culinary Arts 1-2, 3-4

Graphic Communications

Digital Photography
Advanced Digital Photography
Introduction to Graphic Communications
School Publications
Advanced Desktop Publications

Medical Occupations

Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
Health Careers Education (HCE)
Health Care/Medical Terminology

Public Safety Occupations

Careers in Law Enforcement
Criminal Justice
Emergency Medical Tech. Partnership-West-MEC
Fire Science

FINE ARTS

Performing Arts

Communication Arts 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Dance – Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Theatre Arts 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Instrumental Music

Band - Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Guitar - Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Jazz Ensemble
Orchestra
Piano

Vocal Music

Choir 1-2, 3-4
Concert Choir
Vocal Ensemble

Visual Arts

Art 1-2, 3-4, Adv Art, AP Drawing
Photography 1-2, 3-4, Adv Photography, AP Two-Dimensional Design
Three-Dimensional Design 1-2, 3-4, Adv Three-Dimensional Design, AP Three-Dimensional Design
(All courses listed above meet the Board of Regents' Fine Arts requirements for entrance to the three state universities.)

OTHER APPROVED ELECTIVES

AP Computer Science
Journalism 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Library Media Services
Media Production
Programming 1-2/Visual BASIC
Publication Production
AFJROTC 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
NJROTC 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Note: All courses listed above are not necessarily offered every year at all nine high schools.

CORE POINT AVERAGE (CPA)

The Arizona Board of Regents establishes selection criteria for entrance into our three state universities: Arizona State University, University of Arizona and Northern Arizona University. The Board of Regents has determined that calculation of Grade Point Average (GPA) for admissions must be computed using the core subjects listed below when admission is based upon courses taken in high school:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Specifics</u>
English	4 credits	Devoted exclusively to the study of English.
Mathematics	4 credits	Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 and one additional class for which Algebra 2 is a prerequisite.
Science	3 credits	All Lab Sciences.
Social Science	2 credits	US History and one additional year from courses such as: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. European or World History2. Economics3. Sociology4. Geography5. Government6. Psychology7. Anthropology
Foreign Language	2 credits	Must be the same foreign language.
Fine Arts	1 credit	May be either Fine or Performing Arts.

For admissions purposes, Arizona State University, University of Arizona and Northern Arizona University each calculate grade point averages based upon the sixteen units of core coursework requirements mentioned above.