

## GRADUATION EXERCISES (GB POLICY I-7450)

Graduation exercises will be held for students who have met state and local requirements for graduation from high school.

Participation in high school commencement exercises is encouraged but is not compulsory. However, since these exercises require planning and rehearsals, the following rules shall apply:

- Students who wish to participate must be present at the rehearsals. Failure to do so may be cause for excluding students from participating in exercises.
- Students may not participate in the commencement exercises unless they have successfully completed the requirements for graduation.
- Recognition of seniors will be printed on the commencement program and announced at the exercises only in cases where the recipients have been selected solely by the school.
- Other awards to graduating seniors selected by persons or organizations outside the school may be presented at the final awards assembly if approved by the principal.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (GB POLICY I-7350)

Graduation requirements are set forth on the following pages. One (1) unit of credit is given for all full year (two semesters) subjects successfully completed except teacher assistant assignments, which carry 1/2 unit of credit per year. Twenty-two total credits are required for the Glendale Union High School District.

To graduate from the Glendale Union High School District, a student must earn the required number of course credits and meet the state AIMS requirements. Students are eligible to participate in District sponsored graduation ceremonies only if they have successfully met all of the graduation requirements established by the Governing Board and have met the AIMS requirements specified by the state of Arizona. The GUHSD will not offer any alternative form of recognition for those students who have met the District's graduation requirements but failed to meet Arizona's AIMS requirements.

Physical Education may be waived for homebound students.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

### 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.

#### STANDARD DIPLOMA

The Standard Diploma requires a student to earn twenty-two (22) total credits. The student and the student's 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

#### 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 approved to move into a higher-level Math

#### 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 approved to move into a higher-level Science

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

1 Credit of Fine Arts/ Performing 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.

1 Credit of Physical Education

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

## ADVANCED AND HONORS DIPLOMAS

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.

### ADVANCED DIPLOMA

The ADVANCED DIPLOMA requires a student to earn twenty-three (23) total credits. Additionally, a student must maintain a core point average of 3.0 or rank in the upper 25% of his/her class at the end of seven semesters.

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

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 for which Algebra II is a prerequisite

\*Required of all students unless approved to move into a higher-level Math

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 Chemistry, Physics, or AP Biology

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

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 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

The Honors Diploma requires a student to earn twenty-four (24) credits. Additionally, a student must successfully complete a minimum of six (6) hours of Honors/AP credits with four (4) of the six (6) credits taken during his/her junior and senior year; maintain a core point average of 3.0 or rank in the upper 25% of his/her class at the end of seven (7) semesters; and obtain a score of Exceeds on at least two of these state-mandated tests (AIMS Writing, Reading, Math and Science).

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

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 College Algebra, Honors Pre-Calculus or AP Calculus
- \*required of all students unless approved to move into a higher-level Math

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 Chemistry, Physics, or AP Biology
- \* Required of all students unless approved to move into a higher-level Science

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 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

## ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL DIPLOMAS

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 transcript indicates 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 the student 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.

## STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES & ACCEPTABLE USE ELECTRONIC INFORMATION SERVICES

The Glendale Union High School District electronic information services are to assist in the collaboration and exchange of information among schools, school offices, parents, students and teachers. The use of student accounts must be in support of education and research within the educational goals of the school or District.

There is no expectation of privacy for any user making use of Glendale Union High School District electronic information services. The District may review any and all files or communications and monitor system utilization at any time without notice or permission.

Failure to follow acceptable use guidelines may result in cancellation of permission to use the electronic information services and appropriate disciplinary action up to and including expulsion of students.

While the School District will take steps to protect students from any information that may be considered inappropriate, you should be aware that it is impossible to control access to all inappropriate materials on the global network. Thus, the user has the ultimate responsibility for how the electronic information services are used.

Electronic information services include but are not limited to the Internet, Intranet, databases, electronic mail, chat and any electronic-accessible source of information. Use of these services is a privilege and not a right.

### **Responsibility for students:**

- Report any misuse of the network to the IT Coordinator or school administration. All rules of conduct described in the Student Handbook apply when students are on the network or when using the District electronic information services.
- Do not reveal home addresses, personal phone numbers or personally identifiable data.
- A student's use of electronic information services requires the acceptance and parent/guardian signature on the School Affidavit.

The IT Coordinator and school administration will decide appropriate use of the electronic information services. If a student has used the system inappropriately, a teacher, administrator or the IT Coordinator may close an account or limit access to an account at any time.

### **Use of GUHSD electronic information services by students:**

- Prohibited and unacceptable uses include, but are not limited to:
  - Transmission, submission, publication, display, retrieval of any material considered defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, or illegal.
  - Transmission, submission, publication, display, retrieval of any material in violation of any federal or state laws and/or District policies. Some examples are copyrighted material or material protected by trade secret.
  - Commercial activities by for-profit institutions.
  - Use for political lobbying.
  - Any use which shall serve to disrupt the use of the network by other users.
  - Any use of another user's account.

- Allowing another user to use your account or passwords.
- Attaching any device to the network without approval.
- Installation of software.
- Attempts to harm, modify, or destroy data, software or hardware nor interfere with system security or monitoring.
- Security:
  - Protect your personal password. Do not give any other person your password.
  - If you identify a security problem, notify the IT Coordinator, school administration or teacher at once.
- You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette (be polite, use appropriate language, respect privacy, avoid disruptions) and any school or District policies. Use of the network should be limited to educational uses.

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