

SALINAS ADULT SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements shall govern the granting of a high school diploma by the Adult School:

1. Adult Student

By definition, an “adult” means a person 18 years of age or older or a person who is not concurrently enrolled in a regular high school program. However, persons 18 years of age or older who are concurrently enrolled in a regular high school program are not adults. (EC 52610)

Also, notwithstanding EC 52620, any minor, regardless of age, who is pregnant or is actively engaged in raising one or more of his/her children, is eligible to enroll in any adult education course or class described in subdivision (a) or EC 41976 or in EC 52626.2.

2. Credit Requirements

Students must earn a minimum of 220 semester credits in order to be eligible for a diploma from the Salinas Adult School. The following courses and/or credits are required:

- | | Semester Credits |
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| a. English | 40 units |
| Forty(40) units and successfully passing the State High School Exit Examination in Reading/Language Arts. | |
| b. Reading | 10 units |
| To include instruction or equivalent experience in the following areas: vocabulary development, and reading comprehension | |
| c. Mathematics | 30 units |
| Thirty (30) units to include Algebra and twenty (20) units must be designated as “high school mathematics”, plus successfully passing the State High School Exit Examination in Mathematics | |
| d. Social Sciences | 30 units |
| Thirty (30) units to include: ten (10) units in World History/Geography, ten (10) units in American History, five (5) units in American Government and five (5) units in Economics. | |

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- e. Science 20 units

Twenty (20) units of laboratory applied science to include ten (10) units in physical science and ten (10) units in biological science.

- f. Health Education 10 units

- g. Vocational Education 10 units

- h. Foreign Language 20 units

Twenty (20) units of the same language

- i. Visual and Performing Arts 10 units

- j. Technology 5 units

Five (5) units or successfully passing the District Technology Proficiency Test\\

- k. Senior Project 5 units

- l. Electives 30-40 units

Thirty (30) or forty (40) units

- m. Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.0.

- n. Attendance Requirement

Minimum of ten (10) plus hours per week for morning program.

Minimum of six (6) plus hours per week for evening program

NOTE:

- a. Any of the above can be completed by demonstrating proficiency at a level and standard required for graduation from the Salinas Union High School District.
- b. The Salinas Adult School is exempt from offering Physical Education units to graduate from high school as stated in Education Code sections 51241, 51242, and 51246, therefore it is not listed as a requirement.

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- c. The Director/Principal of Adult and Community Education may specify additional courses in lieu of electives on the basis of test results and evaluation of educational training and vocational goals.

3. Methods of Earning Credits

- a. Attendance at Salinas Adult School and/or other adult schools
- b. Subjects passed during prior attendance at an accredited high school, adult school, community college, trade or business school (excluding Physical Education.)
- c. Correspondence and/or online courses from an accredited private school, college, or university. Evaluation of credits by Director/Principal or designee.
- d. Completion of the G.E.D. test battery by persons eighteen (18) years of age or older. A minimum standard score of 450 must be attained on any of the five tests. Credit will be granted as follows:

5 credits granted for scores from 450 - 499
10 credits granted for scores from 500 - 549
15 credits granted for scores from 550 - 599
20 credits granted for scores from 600 - 649
25 credits granted for scores from 650+

- e. Vocational experience - a maximum of 20 semester credits. Evaluated by Director/Principal in accordance with Board Policy 5121.21
- f. Vocational training - a maximum of 20 semester credits may be allowed for satisfactory completion of training courses at the discretion of the Director/Principal

4. Residence Requirement

Residence requirements will have been met when the student earns at least ten (10) semester credits while regularly enrolled at the Salinas Adult School. This requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Director/Principal.

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