

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.

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 by the district.

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.

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.

STANDARD DIPLOMA	ADVANCED DIPLOMA	HONORS DIPLOMA
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 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 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
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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.	2 credits of Foreign Language (Must be two years of the same foreign language)	2 credits of Foreign Language (Must be two years of the same foreign language)
1 credit of Physical Education	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 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.
6 elective credits to be selected from the course offerings approved by the District	1 credit of Physical Education	1 credit of Physical Education
	5 elective credits to be selected from the course offerings approved by the District	6 elective credits to be selected from the course offerings approved by the 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.

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.

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For more information about graduation requirements, log on to www.guhsdaz.org.