



POLICY—600.1—GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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BOARD POLICY

1. The Board of Education believes setting high expectations for students will enable them to increase their capacities and further prepare them for college and career. The Board of Education acknowledges and accepts its duty to implement core standards for instruction and graduation requirements as outlined in Utah state law (See, U.C.A. §53G-4-402). Specifically, the Board of Education claims and exercises its statutory authority to firmly establish high expectations for Canyons students in the form of differentiated diplomas to encourage course-taking patterns, programs of study, and additional credits beyond the State of Utah’s minimum requirements to encourage excellence and academic achievement.
2. The Board of Education exercises its statutory authority to determine courses and programs of study eligible for credit towards graduation.
3. To assist CSD High schools in meeting these objectives, the Board directs the District Administration to develop a Canyons School District High School Course Catalog and Credit Guidelines Handbook for use by school administrators, counselors, and other guidance personnel to supervise granting of credit, qualification for graduation, and course selection.
4. The Board of Education authorizes the District Administration to develop Administrative Regulations consistent with this policy, subject to review and approval by the Board of Education.

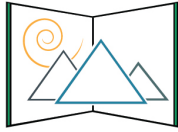
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ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION—600.1-1: (Graduation and Credit Requirements)

Graduation Requirements:

To graduate from a Canyons School District high school, a student must:

1. Earn credits designated by the Utah State Board of Education and the Canyons District Board of Education.
2. Complete all graduation requirements prior to the beginning of the next school year.
 - 2.1. Meeting graduation requirements entitles a student to receive a diploma but does not necessarily entitle a student to participate in commencement.
 - 2.2. Commencement exercises are under the direction of and administered by the local high school.



Canyons School District Differentiated Diplomas:

The Canyons School District Differentiated Diplomas encourage student to take rigorous coursework and meet national benchmarks that reflect college- and career-readiness.

1. The Canyons Standard Diploma: A Canyons Standard Diploma requires a student complete all requirements set forth by the Utah State Education and Canyons School District (See, Exhibit—1).
2. The Canyons Advanced Diploma: The Canyons Advanced Diploma requires students to complete the credits of the Canyons Standard Diploma, prescribed coursework and a minimum G.P.A. requirement (See, Exhibit—1).
3. The Canyons Honors Diploma: The Canyons Honors Diploma requires students to complete the requirements of the Canyons Advanced Diploma, and in addition attain College Readiness Benchmarks Scores on the ACT college-entrance exam and a minimum G.P.A. requirement (See, Exhibit—1).
4. The Canyons Basic Diploma: This diploma is available for extenuating circumstances upon administrative approval. Students earning this diploma must complete all required core curriculum credit requirements (See, Exhibit—2).

Awarding Credit:

1. Credit is awarded on the basis of a student's participation, mastery of subject matter, and/or attainment of skills. Credit is granted for courses taken in grades 9-12, beginning in the summer prior to ninth grade.
2. Canyons School District secondary schools will accept credit and grades awarded to a student by any public or private educational source that is accredited or recognized by the Utah State Office of Education, the Northwest Accreditation Commission or that is associated as a member of the International Council of School Accreditation Commissions. (State Board Rule R277-705-3).

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ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION—600.1-2:

The CSD High School Course Catalog and Credit Guidelines Handbook:

1. For additional information please refer to the CSD High School Course Catalog and Credit Guidelines Handbook.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit—1—Canyons Diplomas Options
Exhibit—2—Canyons Basic Diploma

REFERENCES



U.C.A. §53G-4-402

FORMS

None

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