

# Graduating Class of 2021

## LBUSD Graduation Requirements

All students who graduate from a high school of the Long Beach Unified School District must have met the following requirements.

**Algebra Requirement:** Students must successfully complete the equivalent of Algebra 1-2 to meet this requirement if Algebra 1-2 was not completed in grades 7 and 8.

**Physical Education Requirement:** Students are required to continue to take physical education if they do not meet the passing criteria of 5 of 6 Healthy Fitness Zones on the Physical Fitness Test (PFT) which is administered in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Therefore students may be required to take additional PE courses beyond the required 20 credits in order to fulfill the requirements of Senate Bills 78 and 601. Students will continue to take the PFT annually until they are able to pass. There are some exemptions available, please check with your school counselor.

**Credit Requirement:** Currently, every student must earn a total of 220 semester periods of credit in grades 9 through 12 in order to graduate and receive a high school diploma. In grades 9 through 12, these credits will include:

1. Required Courses (all students) – 160 credits
  2. Other electives – 60 credits
- Total = 220 credits

Students must receive at least a "D" to receive credit for high school graduation. Grades of "D" or higher will earn 5 credits per semester.

**Specific Course Requirements:** Every student is required to earn credit as indicated in the following courses in grades 9-12.

**English:** 40 semester periods of credit in English 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, and one of the approved 10-credit Senior English elective courses.

**History/Social Science:** 30 semester periods of credit in Modern World History, United States History, United States Government and Economics.

**Mathematics:** 40 credits in mathematics with at least one course or a combination of two courses that meet or exceed Algebra 1-2 if Algebra 1-2 was not completed in grades 7 and 8.

**Physical Education:** 20 semester periods of credit in grades 9 and 10.

**Science:** 20 semester periods of credit: 10 credits in biological/life and 10 credits in physical/earth; or 20 credits in integrated science.

**Fine Arts or Foreign Language:** 10 semester periods of credit; all foreign language courses and most one-year courses in Art and Music will satisfy the requirement.

**Electives:** 60 semester credits of approved electives.