



# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

for Classes graduating in  
2007, 2008, 2009



**High school graduation requirements of the  
Hawaii public schools, grades 9-12 include:**

22 credits for the High School Diploma or  
24 credits for the Board of Education  
Recognition Diploma.

If you have any questions regarding these  
graduation requirements, please see your  
school counselor or principal.



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CREDITS	HS DIPLOMA	BOE DIPLOMA
<b>Requirements</b>	<b>16 credits</b>	<b>16 credits</b>
English	4	4
Social Studies	4	4
Mathematics	3	3 <sup>1</sup>
Science	3	3 <sup>2</sup>
Physical Education	1	1
Health	1/2	1/2
Guidance	1/2	1/2
<b>Two credits in one of the following:</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2 credits</b>
World Language (same language) <sup>3</sup>		
Fine Arts		
Career and Technical Education		
<b>Electives (Any Subject Area)</b>	<b>6 credits</b>	<b>6 credits</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>22 credits</b>	<b>24 credits</b>

<sup>1</sup> No more than one math credit can be lower than Pre-Algebra.

<sup>2</sup> No substitution courses are allowed for the three science credits.

<sup>3</sup> Credits earned must be in the same language, e.g., 2 credits in French, NOT 1 credit in French and 1 credit in Japanese.

**High School Diploma**

The High School Diploma shall be issued to students who have met all graduation requirements by demonstrating mastery of essential competencies.

**Board of Education (BOE) Recognition Diploma**

The Board of Education Recognition Diploma is awarded to students with grade point averages of 3.0 and above who successfully complete additional required coursework (see credits).

To students who meet the requirements, the BOE Recognition Diploma is awarded:

- *Cum Laude* with a GPA of 3.0 to 3.5
- *Magna Cum Laude* with a GPA of 3.5+ to 3.8, and
- *Summa Cum Laude* with a GPA of 3.8+ and above.

**Certificate of Completion**

The Certificate of Completion of an Individually Prescribed Program (IPP) shall be issued to a student with a disability who completes all the requirements set by the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP).

**Commencement Exercises**

Students shall be permitted to participate in commencement exercises if they:

- 1) meet the requirements for a diploma or a certificate;
- 2) have fulfilled their financial obligations; and
- 3) meet other conditions, established by the Department of Education, which meet the standards of clarity, reasonableness, and justifiability.

**NOTE:** *There are new graduation requirements for students graduating in 2010 and beyond. Please see your counselor for more information.*