

MONTE VISTA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students who wish to receive a High School diploma from the San Ramon Valley Unified School District shall have:

1. Accumulated at least the minimum number of credits in each of the subject areas indicated below, and
2. Demonstrated mastery of the minimum competencies for graduation in math, reading, and writing and editing as established by the Board of Education by passing the High School Exit Exam. Students must also pass Algebra 1 (formerly Algebra 1B) or Algebra Standards class.

Subject	Requirements
English.....	40 credits
Mathematics (10 credits must be in, Algebra 1 (formerly Algebra 1B), or Algebra Standards).....	20 credits
Social Studies (World Hist 1, World Hist 2/3, US History, Government, Economics).....	35 credits
Science (including 10 credits of Physical Science and 10 credits of Life Science).....	20 credits
Physical Education (must be taken in grade 9. PE Athletics may not be used in grade 9).....	20 credits
Health.....	5 credits
Visual & Performing Arts/Foreign Language/Technology (10 credits in each of two fields).....	20 credits
Electives.....	80 credits
TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION.....	240 credits

***HSEE:** Beginning with the class of 2006, in order to receive a high school diploma, all students must pass the High School Exit Exam in addition to meeting district and state course requirements.

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English

- ~ Students are required to earn 40 credits of English.
- ~ Each student must be enrolled in a full year of English in 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade.
- ~ Students with strong abilities in English should consider AP English Language in grade 11 and AP English Literature in grade 12. Enrollment in these classes is by teacher recommendation and placement test.

Math

Students are required to earn 20 credits of Math.

1. If you are going into a 4-year college, take as much Math as you can; at least:
 - **Algebra 1 (formerly Algebra 1B)** • **Geometry**
 - **Algebra II**
2. If you are not going to a 4-year college, you must take at least two years of Math. If your Math skills are weak, take **Pre-Algebra** and **Algebra Standards** as a minimum.
3. In accordance with state law, starting with the class of 2004, students must pass **Algebra 1B, Algebra 1, or Algebra Standards** for graduation.

Social Studies

Students are required to earn 35 credits of Social Studies.

- 9th grade: **World History 1**
- 10th grade: **World History 2/3**
- 11th grade: **U.S. History 1-2**
- 12th grade: **American Government, Economics**

Foreign Languages

1. Two years of the same language are required for admission to most 4-year colleges, and we strongly recommend three years of the same foreign language, particularly if planning to attend the University of California.
2. All students are encouraged to try at least one year of a foreign language.

Science

Students are required to take 20 credits of Science.

At least 10 credits must be a physical science and at least 10 credits must be a life science.

1. If you are aiming for the University of California or a California State University:
 - a. You must take **two** years of a lab science. One year must be Biology and the second year may consist of any of the following:
 - **Chemistry** • **Physics** • **Geology** • (**Geology is a "G" lab science elective for CSU only**).
 - b. If you are exceptional in the above courses, consider our:
 - AP Biology, Honors Chemistry, AP Chemistry, Honors Physics, or AP Environmental Science**
 Teacher recommendation and entrance exam are the prerequisites for these courses.
2. If you are planning to simply meet our graduation requirements, you must take:
 - a. One year of a life science. (e.g. Life science)
 - b. One year of a physical science (e.g. Integrated Physical or Conceptual science)
 - c. One year of Visual and Performing Arts is required for the University of California and California State University.

Visual and Performing Arts

Foreign Language/Vocational Applied Arts

You must have at least 10 credits in two of three fields.

1. Courses in the Visual and Performing Arts Department are listed on pages 19-22.
2. Courses in Vocational Applied Arts (Technology) are listed on pages 16-19, ROP courses are also included.

Physical Education

20 credits of P.E. are required for graduation including:

- **P.E. 9 (10 credits)** • **P.E. 10-12 (10 credits)***

*Badminton, Basketball, Conditioning, Baseball, Weights, Yoga, Team Sports, Dance or P.E. Athletics (After school sports)

Note: If physically unable to participate in P.E. you must file a note with a diagnosis from your physician.