

Valley Oaks Charter School
High School Graduation Policy

To receive a Valley Oaks Charter School diploma, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Total Credits Requirement:
 - a. Students must earn two hundred and twenty (220) Semester Units.
2. Course Requirements:

a. English/Language Arts	40 Semester Units
b. Mathematics	30 Semester Units
i. Algebra - 10	
c. Science	20 Semester Units
i. Life Science – 10	
ii. Physical Science –10	
d. Social Studies:	30 Semester Units
i. World History/Geography – 10	
ii. U.S. History/Geography –10	
iii. Government - 5	
iv. Economics - 5	
e. Fine Arts or Foreign Language	10 Semester Units
f. Physical Education	20 Semester Units
g. Health	5 Semester Units
h. Career Education	5 Semester Units
i. Consumer Education	infused – core curriculum
j. Technology	5 Semester Units
k. Senior Seminar	5 Semester Units
l. Personal Development	*8 Semester Units
m. Electives	42 Semester Units

*May vary depending on when student enrolled with VOCS

3. Basic Proficiency Requirement:
 - a. All students must pass the California High School Exit Exam to receive a high school diploma from the Valley Oaks Charter School.
 - b. To receive a diploma all students designated “special education” shall have completed the necessary total credits as indicated in Section 1 of this policy and met the requirements specified in their I.E.P. (Individualized Education Program), including any alternative means and modes necessary for the student to complete the Valley Oaks Charter School’s prescribed course of study. The IEP Team shall declare a student ineligible for graduation if the requirements of the IEP have not been met.

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4. Certificate of Completion Requirements:

- a. Any “regular education” student who is unable to pass the California High School Exit Exam will be eligible to receive a “Certificate of Completion” if he/she meets all of the following criteria:
 - i. Satisfies the “Total Credits Requirement” found in section 1 of this policy.
 - ii. Satisfies all “Course Requirements” found in section 2 of this policy.
 - iii. Satisfactorily attempts to take and pass the California High School Exit Examination, as judged by the principal or his/her designee.
 - iv. Satisfactorily enrolls in remedial courses in the 11th and/or 12th grades, as judged by the principal or his/her designee.
- b. Any “special education” student who is on a non-diploma track and is receiving a functional or non-academic curriculum shall be eligible for a “Certificate of Completion” instead of a diploma. To receive a Certificate of Completion, a student shall have completed the necessary total credits as indicated in Section 1 of this policy and met the requirements specified in his/her IEP (Individualized Education Program). The IEP Team shall declare a student ineligible for a Certificate of Completion if the requirements of the IEP have not been met.