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## 2021 Graduation Reduced Due to COVID-19

### High School Set At 180 Credits & Adult School 140 Credits

The Board of Education reduced the 2021 graduations requirements at the March 17 meeting. This year's high school seniors will be required to earn 180 rather 190 credits in 2020 and 220 credits pre-CoVID-19.

Adult school graduation requirements will be required to earn 140 rather 150 credits in 2020 and 180 credits pre-CoVID-19.



The BoE considered that due to school closures, some of our current 12th grade students will have additional challenges to meet graduation requirements. Education Code specifies a minimum set of courses to meet state requirements to graduate from high school (130 credits.) Some students are exempt from District requirements. Foster youth, newly arrived immigrant students, military families, homeless, and former juvenile court students are required to earn 130 credits and follow the State requirements rather than the District requirement.

## Teachers May Suspend Students from Virtual Class

Education Code 48910 states that a teacher may suspend any pupil from the teacher's class, for any of the acts enumerated in Section 48900, for the day of the suspension and the day following. This includes "willful defiance" as a reason to suspend from the class. AB 420 Dickinson excludes "willful defiance" as a reason to expel a student; however it does not exclude the reason for suspension by the teacher or by the district.

The teacher shall immediately report the suspension to the principal of the school and (virtually) send the pupil to the principal or the principal's designee for appropriate action. If that action requires the continued presence of the pupil at the school site (during distance learning), the pupil shall be under appropriate supervision, as defined in policies and related regulations adopted by the governing board of the school district. As soon as possible, the teacher shall ask the parent or guardian of the pupil to attend a parent-teacher conference regarding the suspension. Whenever practicable, a school counselor or a school psychologist shall attend the conference. A school administrator shall attend the conference if the teacher or the parent or guardian so requests.

The pupil shall not be returned to the class from which he or she was suspended, during the period of the suspension, without the concurrence of the teacher of the class and the principal.



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**Application Deadline  
Wednesday, March 31, 2021**

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