



ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

CATEGORY: **Instruction, Academic Achievement**

SUBJECT: **Diploma with Academic Distinction**

A. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

1. The Board of Education awards high school diplomas inscribed “with Academic Distinction” to students whose achievements have been outstanding.
2. **Related Procedures:**
Graduation from Senior High School 4770

B. LEGAL AND POLICY BASIS

1. **Reference:** Board policies F-7000, F-7100, and F-7600.

C. GENERAL

1. **Originating Office.** Suggestions or questions concerning this procedure should be directed to the High School Resources Office.
2. Students are only eligible for the diploma with academic distinction if they have attended a district high school for their entire senior year and met all other graduation requirements (see Administrative Procedure 4770).
 - a. Students who have attended high schools in other districts for all or part of grades 10 and 11 may qualify for this recognition if their academic performance in the San Diego Unified School District merits consideration.
 - b. Mid-year graduates who meet all of the eligibility criteria are may be awarded the diploma with academic distinction.
3. Effective with the Class of 2016, two options are available for graduation with academic distinction:
 - a. **Option 1.** The student must maintain a weighted grade point average of 3.5 (B+) or higher for all courses taken in grades 10 and 11 and the first semester of grade 12.
 - (1) Students who raise their cumulative grade-point average to 3.5 by the end of the 12th week progress report of their senior year are also eligible to receive the diploma.
 - b. **Option 2.** The student must meet three requirements:
 - (1) Grades 9-12: Complete a minimum of three years credit in science and two years credit in world language.
 - (a) Credit received prior to grade 9 in world languages and advanced math, if the courses are awarded graduation credit, may be counted toward meeting this requirement.
 - (2) Grades 10-12: Complete 14 semester credits with grades of A or B in courses shown in Section D.3.

- (3) Grade 12: Complete four of the 14 semester credits required in Section C.3.b.(2).

D. IMPLEMENTATION

1. High school principals have the authority to issue diplomas with academic distinction to students meeting the criteria in Section C.
2. High school counselors and registrars ensure that diploma with academic distinction is noted on the student's transcript.
3. Option 2 designated courses (grades 10-12):

Subject	Course Title	Course Number
Computer Education	Computer Science A 1-2 AP	4661, 4662
Computer Education	Computer Science Principals, Honors	4463, 4464
English	American Literature 1, 2 Honors	1589, 1590
English	English 3, 4 Advanced	1572, 1573
English	English HL1 IB 1, 2	1735, 1736
English	English HL2 IB 1, 2	1741, 1742
English	English Language and Composition 1, 2	1655, 1656
English	English Literature 1, 2	1641, 1642
English	English Literature and Composition 1, 2	1653, 1654
English	Expository Reading Writing & Composition	1698, 1699
History/Social Studies	American Government in World Affairs	6761
History/Social Studies	Economics SL IB 1, 2	6763, 6764
History/Social Studies	European History 1, 2 AP	6759, 6760
History/Social Studies	History HL1 IB 1, 2	6723, 6724
History/Social Studies	History of the Americas HL2 IB 1, 2	6647, 6648
History/Social Studies	History SL IB 1, 2	6643, 6644
History/Social Studies	Macroeconomics 2 AP	6842
History/Social Studies	Microeconomics 1 AP	6841
History/Social Studies	Political Science 1, 2	6825, 6826
History/Social Studies	Psychology 1, 2 AP	6834, 6835
History/Social Studies	Psychology SL 1, 2 IB	6713, 6714
History/Social Studies	US Government and Politics 1 AP	6389
History/Social Studies	US History & Geography 1, 2 Honors	6711, 6712
History/Social Studies	US History 1, 2 AP	6721, 6722
History/Social Studies	World History 1, 2 Advanced	6645, 6646
History/Social Studies	World History 1, 2 AP	6639, 6640
Mathematics	Advanced Integrated Math I A-B	4165, 4166
Mathematics	Advanced Integrated Math II A-B	4167, 4168
Mathematics	Advanced Integrated Math III	TBD
Mathematics	Algebra 1-2 Advanced	4063, 4064
Mathematics	Calculus AB 1-2 AP	4189, 4190
Mathematics	Geometry 1-2 Advanced	4175, 4176
Mathematics	Integrated Math III A-B	4163, 4164

Subject	Course Title	Course Number
Mathematics	Intermediate Algebra 1-2	4151, 4152
Mathematics	Intermediate Algebra 1-2 Advanced	4065, 4067
Mathematics	Functions Analysis	4183, 4184
Mathematics	Mathematical Studies SL IB 1-2	4291, 4292
Mathematics	Mathematics 150-151 Honors Calculus	4191, 4192
Mathematics	Mathematics HL1 IB 1-2	4195, 4196
Mathematics	Mathematics HL2 IB 1-2	4173, 4174
Mathematics	Mathematics SL IB 1-2	4295, 4296
Mathematics	Pre-Calculus 1-2	4161, 4162
Mathematics	Pre-Calculus 1-2 Honors	4181, 4182
Mathematics	Statistics 1-2 AP	4055, 4056
Mathematics	Statistics and Data Analysis 1-2	4046, 4047
Mathematics	Topics in Discrete Mathematics 1-2	4185, 4186
Science	Biology 1, 2 Advanced	6121, 6122
Science	Biology 1, 2 AP	6191, 6192
Science	Biology HL I IB 1, 2	6197, 6198
Science	Biology HL2 IB 1, 2	6196, 6199
Science	Chemistry 1, 2	6211, 6212
Science	Chemistry 1, 2 AP	6291, 6292
Science	Chemistry 1, 2 Honors	6221, 6222
Science	Chemistry HL1 IB	6295, 6296
Science	Chemistry HL2 IB 1, 2	6297, 6298
Science	Environmental Science 1, 2	6455, 6456
Science	Physics 1, 2	6311, 6312
Science	Physics 1, 2 Advanced	6321, 6322
Science	Physics B 1, 2 AP	6391, 6392
Science	Physics C 1, 2 AP	6393, 6394
Science	Physics HL1 IB 1, 2	6395, 6396
Science	Physics HL2 IB	6397, 6398
Science	Physics I A, B	6349, 6350
Science	Physiology 1, 2	6151, 6152
Science	Physiology 1, 2 Honors	6153, 6154
VAPA	Art History 1, 2 AP	0381, 0382
VAPA	Music Theory 1, 2 AP	5375, 5374
VAPA	Studio Art 2-D Design 1, 2 AP	0367, 0368
VAPA	Studio Art 3-D Design 1, 2 AP	0369, 0370
VAPA	Studio Art Drawing Portfolio 1, 2 AP	0377, 0378
World Language	Any third year or higher modern world language course (e.g., French 5-6, Spanish 7-8)	
World Language	French 5-6 Advanced	2035, 2036
World Language	French 7-8 Honors	2033, 2034
World Language	French HL1 IB 1-2	2039, 2040
World Language	French HL2 IB 1-2	2041, 2042
World Language	French Language 1-2 AP	2013, 2014
World Language	French SL IB 1-2	2037, 2038

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Subject	Course Title	Course Number
World Language	German 5-6 Advanced	2085, 2086
World Language	German 7-8 Honors	2093, 2094
World Language	German HL1 IB 1-2	2089, 2090
World Language	German HL2 IB 1-2	2091, 2092
World Language	German Language 1-2 AP	2063, 2064
World Language	German SL IB 1-2	2087, 2088
World Language	Latin: Vergel 1-2 AP	2209, 2210
World Language	Spanish 5-6 Advanced	2425, 2426
World Language	Spanish 7-8 Honors	2307, 2308
World Language	Spanish HL1 IB 1-2	2429, 2430
World Language	Spanish HL2 IB 1-2	2431, 2432
World Language	Spanish Language 1-2 AP	2333, 2334
World Language	Spanish Literature 1-2 AP	2339, 2340
World Language	Spanish SL IB 1-2	2427, 2428

E. FORMS AND AUXILIARY REFERENCES

1. Diplomas and transcripts
2. Course of Study, K-12, available on the district website at <http://www.sandi.net/page/1605>

F. REPORTS AND RECORDS

G. APPROVED BY



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H. ISSUED BY



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