Orange Unified School District
High School
Graduation Requirements

A high school diploma shall be awarded to all students who satisfactorily meet the prescribed requirement for graduation. Individual educational plans may provide alternative ways to demonstrate proficiencies for special education students. The requirements are:

I. GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

A. Satisfactory completion of 232.5 semester periods of credit in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 (Generally 5 semester periods of credit are earned for each semester course passed.)

Classification: Class standing is determined by noting the number of semester credits completed, grades 9-12.
- A student becomes a Sophomore when he/she has attained 60 semester credits;
- A student becomes a Junior when he/she has attained 120 semester credits;
- A student becomes a Senior when he/she has completed 170 semester credits.

II. SPECIFIC GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS – Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

A. LANGUAGE ARTS .................................................. 40
   Grade 9  English 9 ........................................... 10
   Grade 10 English 10 .......................................... 10
   Grade 11 English 11 ........................................... 10
   Grade 12 English 12 .......................................... 10

B. SOCIAL SCIENCE .................................................. 30
   Grade 10  World History .................................... 10
   Grade 11 United States History ......................... 10
   Grade 12 American Government .......................  5
   Economics .........................................................  5

C. MATHEMATICS .................................................... 20
   - Algebra I – Every student must pass Algebra I in order to earn a high school diploma.

D. SCIENCE ........................................................... 20
   Two years of science to include one year of Life Science and one year of a Physical Science are required.