

# Graduation Pathways

There are three unique graduation pathway options for students at RISE High School. The pathway that is best for each student is determined by student's goals and interests for after high school, current credits and timeline to graduation, age, responsibilities, family and stakeholder input and student circumstances. Students are highly encouraged to meet A-G course requirements when possible, however, we also know that there can be many challenges that impact course completion.

RISE High also assists students 18 years of age or older (17 years of age in some instances) who need academic support to pass one of the three California-approved high school equivalency tests: General Educational Development (GED), High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), or Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC).

**A-G Requirements:** Students who complete the A-G Requirements are eligible to attend Cal States and UCs.

| Subject                             | A-G Requirements   | RISE High   | State Minimum   |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| <i>Social Science</i>               | 3 years (including World History, US History, or Government/Economics)           | 3 years (including World History, US History, and Government/Economics) | 3 years (including World History, US History, and Government/Economics) |
| <i>English</i>                      | 4 years  | 4 years   | 3 years   |
| <i>Mathematics</i>                  | 3 years (including geometry)   | 2 years (including Algebra 1)   | 2 years (including Algebra 1)   |
| <i>Science</i>                      | 2 years (including Biology, Chemistry and/or Physics)                            | 2 years (including biological and physical science)                     | 2 years (including biological and physical science)                     |
| <i>World Language</i>               | 2 years (same language)  | 2 years (may be 1 year for each course or 2 years in one course)        | 1 year in either course   |
| <i>Visual and Performing Arts</i>   | 1 year (dance, music, theater, or visual arts)                                   |   |   |
| <i>College-Preparatory Elective</i> | 1 year (any additional college-preparatory course from the courses listed above) | None  | None  |
| <i>Electives</i>                    | Additional 20 credits  | 1 year in a Career Development course                                   | None  |
| <b>Total Credits</b>                | <b>180</b>   | <b>140</b>  | <b>110</b>  |

**RISE High Pathway:** The RISE pathway is designed for students who are unable to meet the A-G requirements who would like additional course preparation to succeed in community colleges and in the workforce.

**State Minimum:** To be eligible for the State Minimum Diploma Path, which is an exemption of RISE High's graduation requirements, a student must meet the following eligibility requirements pursuant to EC § 51225.1:

- (1) The student is one of the following:
  - (a) In foster care, as defined in EC § 51225.2(a)(1)
  - (b) Is a homeless youth, as defined in 42 USC § 11434a(2)
  - (c) A former juvenile court school student, as defined in EC § 51225.2(a)(3)
  - (d) A child of a military family, as defined in EC § 49701
- (2) The student transfers between schools any time after his/her second year of high school
- (3) The student is not reasonably able to complete RISE High's graduation requirements by the end of the student's fourth year of high school

In order for students to switch pathways, students and stakeholders must complete a Pathway Transfer Form. Following the submission of the form a meeting is called with the student, admin, advisory teacher and parent/stakeholders to discuss the graduation pathway transfer. Not all transfer requests are approved.

The team will work together to determine which option will yield the best outcomes for the student.

