



High School Graduation Policy

Rationale:

Forest Charter School wishes to support high school students in completing graduation requirements that will prepare them for post-secondary education and employment. With this goal in mind, Forest Charter School has adopted the following policy.

Policy:

- Forest Charter School high school graduation requirements include the following:

English	Four years (40 credits) of English. 40 credits must be core English.
History	Three years (30 credits) of history/social science. Including one year (10 credits) of World History, one year (10 credits) of US History, one semester (5 credits) of Government, and one semester (5 credits) of Economics.
Math	Three years (30 credits) of mathematics. Students must complete Algebra I.
Science	Two years (20 credits) of science. 10 credits must be in physical science and 10 credits must be in biological science.
World Language OR Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) OR CTE	One year (10 credits) of world language. OR Students can also meet this requirement by completing one year of a visual or performing art (VAPA). OR One year (10 credits) of an approved CTE course.
PE/Health	Two years (20 credits) of PE and one semester (5 credits) of health.
Electives	60 credits of electives.
Career Prep	One semester (5 credits) of a career preparatory class.

- Because the approved course of study may not accommodate the needs of all students, Forest Charter School shall provide alternative means for meeting graduation requirements in accordance with law.

Administrative Regulations

A team comprised of Forest Charter School's Academic Dean and College and Career Advisor, as well as the possible addition of team members based upon the student's learning center, will determine if a student qualifies for graduation with a reduction of credits, known as a Personalized Education Plan or PEP.

This team will complete the following steps:

1. Transcript Evaluation
2. Cumulative File Review
3. Assemble Packet for Review
4. Submit Packet to Executive Director for Approval
5. Ed Rights holder meeting to offer options
6. Request Registrar to change the graduation diploma type in SIS
7. Add notes in SIS and in the student's cumulative folder.
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PEP Applies To:

☐ AB 167/216 (Foster Care)	☐ AB 2121 (Migratory/Newcomers)
☐ AB 365 (Military Family)	☐ AB 2306 (Juvenile Courts)
☐ AB 1806/216 (Homeless)	☐ AB 181 (Special Education)

PEP Tiers with CA State Minimum Graduation Requirements

Course Requirements	FCS	PEP 1	PEP 2	PEP 3	Completed	Needed	Notes
English (3 courses)	40	40	30	30			
Algebra 1 (1 course)	10	10	10	10			
Math (1 course)	20	20	10	10			
Life Science (1 course)	10	10	10	10			
Physical Science (1 course)	10	10	10	10			
World History (1 course)	10	10	10	10			
US History (1 course)	10	10	10	10			
American Gov't (1 course)	5	5	5	5			
Economics (1 course)	5	5	5	5			
VAPA/CTE/LOTE (1 course)	10	10	10	10			
Physical Ed (2 courses)	20	20	20	20			
Elective Courses	70	50	50	N/A			
Total Credits	220	200	180	130			