

Board of Education (BOE) Recognition Diploma with Honors

The Board of Education Recognition Diploma with Honors is awarded to students with grade point averages of 3.0 and above who successfully complete course and other requirements.

To students who meet the requirements, the BOE Recognition Diploma with Honors is awarded:

- *Cum Laude* with a GPA of 3.0 to 3.5;
- *Magna Cum Laude* with a GPA of 3.5+ to 3.8; or
- *Summa Cum Laude* with a GPA of 3.8+ and above.

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High School Diploma

The High School Diploma shall be issued to students who have met all graduation requirements in the required courses by demonstrating proficiency in the Hawaii Content and Performance Standards and General Learner Outcomes.

Certificate of Completion

The Certificate of Completion of an Individually Prescribed Program (IPP) shall be issued to a student with a disability who completes all the requirements set by the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Commencement Exercises

Students shall be permitted to participate in commencement exercises if they:

- 1) meet the requirements for a diploma or a certificate;
- 2) have fulfilled their financial obligations; and
- 3) satisfy other conditions that meet the standards of clarity, reasonableness, and justifiability, as established by the Department of Education.



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Beginning with the
Class of 2013



High school graduation requirements of the Hawaii public schools, grades 9-12 include:

25 credits for the Board of Education
Recognition Diploma or
24 credits for the High School Diploma.

If you have any questions regarding these graduation requirements, please see your school counselor or principal.

Superintendent



**The Honorable Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawaii**

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In March 2008, the Hawaii State Board of Education (BOE) increased the rigor of the BOE Recognition Diploma for the Class of 2013. The upgraded diploma requirements will help students to be better prepared for careers, college, and civic responsibility.

National research and local data show that the types of courses required by the BOE Recognition Diploma will prepare students to advance in living wage jobs and achieve success in college-level courses.

For additional information, please see your counselor or visit <http://graduation.k12.hi.us>.

CLASS OF 2013 DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

COURSE REQUIREMENTS	BOE RECOGNITION DIPLOMA*	HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
English	4.0 credits including: • English Language Arts 1 (1 credit); • English Language Arts 2 (1 credit); and • Expository Writing (0.5 credit)	4.0 credits including: • English Language Arts 1 (1 credit); and • English Language Arts 2 (1 credit)
Social Studies	4.0 credits including: • Modern History of Hawaii (0.5 credit); and • Participation in a Democracy (0.5 credit)	4.0 credits including: • Modern History of Hawaii (0.5 credit); and • Participation in a Democracy (0.5 credit)
Mathematics**	4.0 credits including: Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II or the equivalent	3.0 credits
Science	3.0 credits including: 2.0 credits in Chemistry, Biology, and/or Physics	3.0 credits
World Language Fine Arts Career and Technical Education	2.0 credits in one of the specified courses	2.0 credits in one of the specified courses
Senior Project	1.0 credit	Not Required
Physical Education	1.0 credit	1.0 credit
Health	0.5 credit	0.5 credit
Personal Transition Plan	0.5 credit	0.5 credit
Electives	5.0 credits	6.0 credits
Total	25.0 credits	24.0 credits
Other	Meet standard on Algebra II End of Course Exam	

*Graduates with a GPA of 3.0 or better will be awarded the BOE Recognition Diploma with Honors.
**Mathematics requirements for a BOE Recognition Diploma with Honors is 4.0 credits, including as a minimum, Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II or the equivalent.