



Instruction

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Da Vinci Schools HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Board Policy

Da Vinci High School Diploma Programs

The following Da Vinci High School Diploma programs are available for students who attend Da Vinci Science, Communications, and Design High Schools.

Course Pathway #1: California State High School Diploma

SUBJECT	REQUIREMENTS
English	<i>Three years of English</i>
Social Science	<i>Three years of social science (including U.S. history and geography; world history, culture, and geography; one semester of American government; and one semester of economics)</i>
Mathematics	<i>Two years of mathematics including Algebra I</i>
Science	<i>Two years of science (including biology and physical science)</i>
Foreign Language/VPA/CTE	<i>One year of foreign language or visual and performing arts or career technical education. For purpose of satisfying the minimum course requirement, a course in American Sign Language shall be deemed a course in foreign language</i>

Course Pathway #2: Da Vinci Schools College Preparation Diploma (a-g)

SUBJECT	REQUIREMENTS
English	English (“b”) – <i>Four years of college preparatory English that integrates reading of classic and modern literature, frequent and regular writing, and practice listening and speaking.</i>
Social Science	History/Social Science (“a”) – <i>Three years of social science (including U.S. history and geography; world history, culture, and geography; one semester of American government; and one semester of economics)</i>
Mathematics	Mathematics (“c”) – <i>Three years of college-preparatory mathematics that include or integrate the topics covered in elementary and advanced algebra and two- and three-dimensional geometry.</i>

Science	Laboratory science (“d”) – <i>Two years</i> of laboratory science providing fundamental knowledge in at least two of the three disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics.
Foreign Language	Language other than English (“e”) – <i>Two years</i> of the same language other than English or equivalent to the second level of high school instruction. American Sign Language may satisfy this requirement.
Visual and Performing Arts	Visual and performing arts (“f”) – <i>One year</i> of courses chosen from dance, music, theater or the visual arts.
Electives	College-preparatory elective (“g”) – <i>One year</i> of courses in addition to the courses used to satisfy the requirements above to help students progress toward their college and career goals. With the written consent of the school director or principal or their respective designees, students may satisfy this requirement through dual enrollment courses offered by, or in conjunction with, community colleges and other institutions of higher education.

Course Pathway #3: College Launch

SUBJECT	REQUIREMENTS
English	English (“b”) – <i>Four years</i> of college preparatory English that integrates reading of classic and modern literature, frequent and regular writing, and practice listening and speaking.
Social Science	History/Social Science (“a”) – <i>Three years</i> of social science (including U.S. history and geography; world history, culture, and geography; one semester of American government; and one semester of economics)
Mathematics	Mathematics (“c”) – <i>Three years</i> of college-preparatory mathematics that include or integrate the topics covered in elementary and advanced algebra and two- and three-dimensional geometry.
Science	Laboratory science (“d”) – <i>Two years</i> of laboratory science providing fundamental knowledge in at least two of the three disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics.
Foreign Language	Language other than English (“e”) – <i>Two years</i> of the same language other than English or equivalent to the second level of high school instruction. American Sign Language may satisfy this requirement.
Visual and Performing Arts	Visual and performing arts (“f”) – <i>One year</i> of courses chosen from dance, music, theater or the visual arts.
Electives	College-preparatory or college level electives (“g”) – A series of six courses in addition to the courses used to satisfy the requirements above to help students progress toward their college and career goals. With the written consent of the school director or principal or their respective designees, students may satisfy this requirement through dual enrollment courses offered by, or in conjunction with, community colleges and other institutions of higher education.
Community Project	Da Vinci Level Two Project – Students must complete a minimum eight-week, comprehensive community, college, or career focused project.

Course Pathway #4: College Transfer Diploma (AA, AAT, IGETC)

SUBJECT	REQUIREMENTS
English	English (“b”) – <i>Four years</i> of college preparatory English that integrates reading of classic and modern literature, frequent and regular writing, and practice listening and speaking.
Social Science	History/Social Science (“a”) – <i>Three years</i> of social science (including U.S. history and geography; world history, culture, and geography; one semester of American government; and one semester of economics)
Mathematics	Mathematics (“c”) – <i>Three years</i> of college-preparatory mathematics that include or integrate the topics covered in elementary and advanced algebra and two- and three-dimensional geometry.
Science	Laboratory science (“d”) – <i>Two years</i> of laboratory science providing fundamental knowledge in at least two of the three disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics.
Foreign Language	Language other than English (“e”) – <i>Two years</i> of the same language other than English or equivalent to the second level of high school instruction. American Sign Language may satisfy this requirement.
Visual and Performing Arts	Visual and performing arts (“f”) – <i>One year</i> of courses chosen from dance, music, theater or the visual arts.
Electives	College-preparatory or college level electives (“g”) – A series of twenty courses chosen from courses beyond those used to satisfy the requirements above that have been approved to help students progress toward their college and career goals. With the written consent of the school director or principal or their respective designees, students may satisfy this requirement through “dual enrollment courses” offered by, or in conjunction with, community colleges and other institutions of higher education.
Community Project	Da Vinci Level Two Project – Students must complete a minimum eight-week, comprehensive community, college, or career focused project.

Course Pathway #5: College Pathway Diploma (BA/BS)

SUBJECT	REQUIREMENTS
English	English (“b”) – <i>Four years</i> of college preparatory English that integrates reading of classic and modern literature, frequent and regular writing, and practice listening and speaking.
Social Science	History/Social Science (“a”) – <i>Three years</i> of social science (including U.S. history and geography; world history, culture, and geography; one semester of American government; and one semester of economics)
Mathematics	Mathematics (“c”) – <i>Three years</i> of college-preparatory mathematics that include or integrate the topics covered in elementary and advanced algebra and two- and three-dimensional geometry.

Science	Laboratory science (“d”) – <i>Two years</i> of laboratory science providing fundamental knowledge in at least two of the three disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics.
Foreign Language	Language other than English (“e”) – <i>Two years</i> of the same language other than English or equivalent to the second level of high school instruction. American Sign Language may satisfy this requirement.
Visual and Performing Arts	Visual and performing arts (“f”) – <i>One year</i> of courses chosen from dance, music, theater or the visual arts.
Electives	College-preparatory or college level electives (“g”) – A series of forty courses chosen from courses beyond those used to satisfy the requirements above that have been approved to help students progress toward their college and career goals. With the written consent of the school director or principal or their respective designees, students may satisfy this requirement through “dual enrollment courses” offered by, or in conjunction with, community colleges and other institutions of higher education.
Community Project	Da Vinci Level Two Project – Students must complete a minimum eight-week, comprehensive community, college, or career focused project.

Students with disabilities intending to earn a Da Vinci high school diploma may receive accommodations and/or modifications to meet these graduation requirements, as specified in their respective individualized education plan and/or 504 plan.

Nothing in this policy shall be construed to restrict a Da Vinci schools’ ability to provide alternative options or other accommodations for students to satisfy the graduation requirements in accordance with the law.