

# INFORMATION SHEET

Office of Correctional Education



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## High School Diploma (HD) Program

This Program (HSDP) is designed to provide inmates with an opportunity to fulfill current graduation requirements of the State of California, Department of Education, and secure a High School Diploma (HSD). Based upon an analysis of the transcript, the inmate/student receives instruction in credits needed for graduation.

### POLICY

The requirements for high school graduation and issuance of a HSD are in keeping with State requirements and include the successful completion of 180 semester credits as follows:

**30 Semester Credits: English**

**20 Semester Credits: Mathematics, including 10 semester credits for Algebra or higher**

**10 Semester Credits: Life Science**

**10 Semester Credits: Physical Science**

**10 Semester Credits: United States History**

**10 Semester Credits: World History or World Geography and Culture**

**10 Semester Credits: Arts and/or Foreign Language and/or CTE (shop-based)**

**5 Semester Credits: United States Government or Civics**

**5 Semester Credits: Economics**

**70 Semester Credits: Electives**

In order to qualify for a HSD through CDCR's Office of Correctional Education, students must complete a minimum of 10 semester credits within a CDCR school to meet the residency requirement.

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**Location(s):** All Institutions

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**Length of Program:** Program length will vary based on student/inmate credits needed for graduation.

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**Enrollment:** The HSD Program may be available as a component of either the Voluntary Education Program (VEP) or the Alternative Program (AP).

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**Eligibility Requirements:** Eligible students must meet the following criteria:

- Students/inmates must not possess a High School Equivalency (HSE), such as a GED, or a HSD.
- Students/inmates must be within 40 semester credits of earning their HSD. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis.
- Students must have sufficient time remaining prior to their release date to be considered for the HSD program.
- Have a TABE reading score of 7.9 or higher.

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*CDCR's Division of Rehabilitative Programs (DRP) manages adult inmate and parolee rehabilitative programs. Its top priority is to provide rehabilitative programming and life skills to offenders in an effort to reduce their likelihood of reoffending after their release from prison. DRP is comprised of the Office of Offender Services (OS), the Office of Correctional Education (OCE), and the Office of Program Accountability and Support (OPAS).*

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