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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Peak Prep Pleasant Valley Charter School (“Peak Prep” or the “Charter School”) desires to prepare all students to successfully complete the high school course of study, and obtain a high school diploma, that represents their educational achievement and increases their opportunities for post-secondary education and employment. Peak Prep students shall complete graduation course requirements adopted by Peak Prep, except for students who are exempted, as provided in the “Exemptions from Adopted Graduation Requirements” section, below. Students who are exempted from the adopted graduation requirements shall be eligible to participate in any graduation ceremony and Charter School activity related to graduation in which other graduating students are eligible to participate.

The current adopted graduation requirements are as follow:

Subject	Number of Courses
English	3 Year-Long Courses
Math	2 Year-Long Courses (through Algebra I)
Science	2 Year-Long Courses
Social Studies	3 Year-Long Courses
Visual and Performing Arts or Foreign Language or Career Technical Education	1 Year-Long Course
Physical Education	2 Year-Long Courses
Electives*	9 Year-Long Courses (must meet the CCR requirements—CTE, Dual Enrollment, etc) within your elective choices.
TOTAL	22 Year-Long Courses (220 Credits)

Exemptions from Adopted Graduation Requirements

Prior to the beginning of grade 10, the individualized education program (“IEP”) team for each student with disabilities shall determine whether the student is eligible for exemption from additional coursework and other requirements adopted by Peak Prep that exceeds the statewide high school graduation requirements, and if so, shall notify the student's parent/guardian of the exemption. A student with a significant cognitive disability shall be eligible for the exemption, if

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the student's IEP provides for both of the following requirements:

1. That the student take the alternate assessment aligned to alternate achievement standards in grade 11 as described in Education Code Section 60640(k)
2. That the student complete state standards aligned coursework to meet the statewide high school graduation requirements specified in Education Code Section 51225.3

In addition, a foster youth, homeless student, former juvenile court school student, child of a military family, migrant student or student with high school credit deficiency who transfers into Peak Prep any time after completing the second year of high school, or a newly arrived immigrant student who is in the third or fourth year of high school and is participating in a newcomer program, shall be exempted from any graduation requirements adopted by Peak Prep that are in addition to statewide high school graduation requirements. This exemption shall not apply if the Executive Director or designee makes a finding that the student is reasonably able to complete the requirements in time to graduate by the end of the fourth year of high school.

Within 30 days of the transfer into a school by a foster youth, homeless student, former juvenile court school student, child of a military family, migrant student, high school credit deficient student, or a newly arrived immigrant student, or of the commencement of participation in a newcomer program, as applicable, the Executive Director or designee shall notify any eligible student, and others as required by law, of the availability of the exemption from local graduation requirements and whether the student qualifies for it. (Education Code Section 51225.1)