




# Joint High School Diploma Program



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A study by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics found that the full-time workers who get a High School Diploma or High School Equivalency are **39.5% less** likely to be unemployed than workers with less education.



## Joint High School Diploma Program

San Diego Continuing Education (SDCE) is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. SDCE offers two Joint High School Diploma Program options, as well as a High School Equivalency Program. Programs use many teaching styles in the classroom, and maximize the use of technology by offering computer-assisted instruction, video lessons, and the use of appropriate websites. Some courses are available online.

The Joint High School Diploma program is in cooperation with San Diego Unified School District. Please speak with an SDCE counselor at any campus to understand how the options work, and to find out how you can achieve this educational goal.

### Eligibility

Students who are 18 years old and who were not enrolled in the previous semester in San Diego Unified School District, or who are 19 years 11 months or older, should contact an SDCE campus for additional information (see inside).

Students who are between the age of 18 and 19 years 11 months and who were enrolled in the previous semester in San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) should contact one of the SDUSD Adult Education sites listed on the inside for additional information (see inside).

### Open to Public and Attendance Expectation

The California Education Code requires that community college classes for adults be open to the public.

Regular attendance is expected in all classes in accordance with the approved class schedule. It is important to attend every class, be on time, keep up with class assignments, and meet course expectations.

### Progress and Grading

Progress in each academic course will be measured by letter grades A, B, C, D, and F (unsatisfactory).

### Privacy Rights

The San Diego Community College District does not release information to any organization, agency or individual without written student consent, regardless of the student's age.

### Student Code of Conduct Policy

The San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) Board Policy 3100 enumerates the rights and responsibilities of all SDCCD students. SDCCD Students are required to adhere to the Student Code of Conduct at all times. Violation of the Student Code of Conduct may be cause for disciplinary action.

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**Workers with a High School Diploma or High School Equivalency earn an average of \$730 per week**, compared to \$553 earned by workers without this critical education *(U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*



Two adult education high school diploma options are available to adult education students. Both diplomas are awarded jointly by San Diego Community College District and San Diego Unified School District. There is no difference in the appearance of the diploma document for either option, and the names of both districts appear on both diploma documents.

Option 1

Students must complete a total of 40 semester credits earned in high school level courses. High school level Mathematics and World Language courses taken in Grades 7 and/or 8, completed in San Diego Unified School District, which satisfy high school graduation requirements are counted. Credit may be given for previous education.

Specific requirements include:

- a. English/Language Arts (eight semester credits), including at least one credit in a course that emphasizes a range of American Literature
- b. History/Social Studies (six semester credits), including World History 1,2; US History 1,2; US Government 1; and Economics 1
- c. Science (six semester credits), including Biology 1,2 plus four credits of the following courses: Earth Science 1,2; Physics 1,2 or Chemistry 1,2 or equivalent
- d. Mathematics (six semester credits) including Algebra 1-2; Geometry 1-2; and Intermediate Algebra 1-2 or Unifying Algebra and Geometry 1-2 (or the equivalent )
- e. Fine Arts or Foreign Language (two semester credits)
- f. Practical Arts (one semester credit)
- g. Electives (11 semester credits)
- h. Minimum GPA of 2.0 (GPA is calculated on all high school level courses completed. Grades earned in courses completed in Grades 7 and/or 8 that satisfy graduation requirements are not used to calculate GPA).



Option 2

Adult Education Option 2 Joint High School Diploma requires a minimum of 24 semester credits earned in high school level (Grades 9-12) AND a two-unit college level course completed at an accredited community college OR equivalent. Specific requirements include:

- a. English/Language Arts (six semester credits), including at least one credit in a course that emphasizes a range of American Literature
- b. History/Social Studies (six semester credits), including World History 1,2; US History 1,2; US Government 1; and Economics 1
- c. Mathematics (four semester credits), including Algebra 1-2 or higher (or the equivalent)
- d. Science (four semester credits), including Biology 1, 2 and two credits of Physical Science
- e. Fine Arts, Career and Technical Education, or Foreign Language (two semester credits)
- f. Practical Arts (two semester credits)
- g. College course (minimum two credits). A degree applicable minimum two-unit college level course, or equivalent course, must be completed at an accredited community college. The course may be taken in one of the diploma required subject areas listed above, or an elective course may be taken. If the required college course is completed at a San Diego Community College, the course tuition is waived. To obtain a waiver, the San Diego Community College District Supplemental Application and Certification of Special Part-time Joint High School Diploma Student form must be completed.
- h. Minimum GPA of 2.0. (GPA is calculated on all high school level courses completed. Grades earned in courses completed in Grades 7 and/or 8 that satisfy graduation requirements are not used to calculate GPA. The college course, or equivalent, is not often included in GPA unless the college course is part of the subject area and credit requirements.)



Locations

Classes for the Joint High School Diploma Program are held at various locations shown here. Students with special circumstances (see eligibility information on reverse) should contact a San Diego Unified School District campus prior to enrolling in the Joint High School Diploma Program.

San Diego Continuing Education Campuses

César E. Chávez Campus 1901 Main Street San Diego, CA 92113 619-388-1910	Mid-City Campus 3792 Fairmount Avenue San Diego, CA 92105 619-388-4500
Educational Cultural Complex 4343 Ocean View Blvd. San Diego, CA 92113 619-388-4956	North City Campus 8355 Aero Drive San Diego, CA 92123 619-388-1800

San Diego Unified School District Adult Sites

Crawford Adult School Site 4191 Colts Way, Room 804 San Diego, CA 92115 619-362-3762	Madison Adult School Site 4833 Doliva Drive, Room B-4 San Diego, CA 92117 858-536-0341	Mira Mesa High School 10510 Marauder Way, Room B-43 San Diego CA 92126 858-530-0467
Garfield Adult School Site 1255 16th Street, Room 416 San Diego, CA 92101 619-362-4516	Morse Adult School Site 6905 Skyline Drive, Room B-1 San Diego, CA 92114 619-266-9622 x3001	

