



San Marcos High School

SMUSD graduation requirements for the Class of 2023

*indicates requirement is different from those of the classes of 2019 and earlier

Subject	Number of years	Number of credits
English	4 years	40 credits
Math *	3 years (must include Algebra 1 and Geometry)	30 credits
Social Studies * (required in grades 10-12)	3 years (10 th grade World History, 11 th grade U.S. History and 12 th grade Government/Economics)	30 credits
Science	2 years (one life science, one physical science)	20 credits
World Languages *	2 years (OR 1 year of a level 2 course. Successful completion of 10 credits of CTE+ may count for 1 year of WL or VAPA+)	20 credits
Visual/Performing Arts (VAPA) *	1 year (Successful completion of 10 credits of CTE may count for 1 year of WL or VAPA)	10 credits
Physical Education	2 years	20 credits
Electives	Any area of study above the minimum graduation requirements in that subject area	60 credits
		230 credits (grade of D or better required to earn credit for a course)

+ CTE = Career Technical Education

+ VAPA = Visual and Performing Art

Minimum A-G requirements for CSU/UC admissions

(Independent/private school requirements vary. Students should consult each university's website)

Students must earn a C or better in these courses

Subject	Number of years	Notes
A – History/Social Science	2 years	SMHS requires 3 years for graduation.
B – English	4 years	Same as SMHS graduation requirement
C- Mathematics	3 years	Geometry and Algebra 2 both required coursework. 4 years highly recommended
D – Laboratory Science	2 years	Two out of three disciplines: Biology, Chemistry and Physics 3-4 years recommended
E – Language other than English	2 years	Must be the same language or equivalent to the 2 nd level of HS instruction. 3-4 years recommended
F – Visual and Performing Arts	1 year	Chosen from dance, music, theater or visual arts
G – College-preparatory elective	1 year	SMHS course titles followed by (P), (AP) or (H) are considered college preparatory