WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND COLLEGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS?????

The graduation requirements for high school are the minimum required for a diploma from Poway High School. Colleges have their own admission requirements, which cause high schools to offer classes that match them. These are well above the minimum requirements needed for high school graduation. Look at the three credit charts below explaining the differences. Generally speaking, colleges/universities require considerably more science, math, and foreign language classes for admission. The three charts below explain the differences in minimum high school completion, minimum four-year college admission, and selective college preparation. The chart you use for yourself depends on what your goals are after high school graduation. Choose one of the charts based on your future objectives and use your transcript to check off the courses you have completed already.

MINIMUM HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

CREDITS (230 To Graduate) (Each box ☐ represents 5 credits)	
CIVICS/ECONOMICS (10)	☐☐
ENGLISH (40)	☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐
FINE ARTS or FOREIGN LANGUAGE (5)	☐
FINE ARTS (Art, Music, Drama) (5)	☐
HEALTH (5)	☐
LIFE SCIENCE (10)	☐☐
MATHEMATICS (20)	☐☐☐☐
PRACTICAL ARTS (5)	☐
PHYSICAL EDUCATION (20)	☐☐☐☐
PHYSICAL SCIENCE (10)	☐☐
U.S. HISTORY (10)	☐☐
WORLD HISTORY (10)	☐☐
ELECTIVE (80)	☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

MINIMUM COLLEGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

CREDITS (230 To Graduate) (Each box ☐ represents 5 credits)	
CIVICS/ECONOMICS (10)	☐☐
ENGLISH (40)	☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐
FOREIGN LANGUAGE (20)	☐☐☐☐
FINE ARTS (Art, Music, Drama) (10)	☐☐
HEALTH (5)	☐
LIFE SCIENCE (10)	☐☐
MATHEMATICS (30)	☐☐☐☐☐☐
PRACTICAL ARTS (5)	☐
PHYSICAL EDUCATION (20)	☐☐☐☐
PHYSICAL SCIENCE (10)	☐☐
U.S. HISTORY (10)	☐☐
WORLD HISTORY (10)	☐☐
ELECTIVE (50)	☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

SELECTIVE COLLEGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

CREDITS (230 To Graduate) (Each box ☐ represents 5 credits)	
CIVICS/ECONOMICS (10)	☐☐
ENGLISH (40)	☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐
FOREIGN LANGUAGE (30)	☐☐☐☐☐☐
FINE ARTS (Art, Music, Drama) (10)	☐☐
HEALTH (5)	☐
LIFE SCIENCE (20)	☐☐☐☐
MATHEMATICS (40)	☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐
PRACTICAL ARTS (5)	☐
PHYSICAL EDUCATION (20)	☐☐☐☐
PHYSICAL SCIENCE (20)	☐☐☐☐
U.S. HISTORY (10)	☐☐
WORLD HISTORY (10)	☐☐
ELECTIVE (10)	☐☐

COLLEGE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
"A - G" MINIMUM Subject Requirements
California State University
University of California

A. HISTORY
   - 1 Year U.S. History
   - 1 Year World History

B. ENGLISH
   - 4 Years College Prep

C. MATHEMATICS
   - Algebra 1-2
   - Geometry 1-2
   - Algebra 3-4

D. SCIENCE
   - 2 Years with Laboratory (Biological & Physical)

E. FOREIGN LANGUAGE
   - 2 Years in the Same Language (American Sign Language can be used)

F. VISUAL or PERFORMING ARTS
   - 1 Year of the same Visual & Performing Art (Art, Drama or Music)

G. ELECTIVE
   - 1 Year of Academic Elective from Above Categories