

Escalon Unified School District

Assembly Bill 104 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. **What is Assembly Bill 104?**

AB 104 is a new legislation recently signed into law that includes the following provisions and rights:

1. Parents/guardians (Educational Rights Holder) of students who were enrolled in high school during the 2020-21 school year may request to have a letter grade earned for a course changed to a Pass or No Pass on the student's transcript. (Questions #2 through #6 apply to this component of AB 104)
2. Any student who was enrolled in 11th or 12th grade during the 2020-21 school year and who is not on track to graduate in the 20-21 or 21-22 school years are exempt from local district graduation requirements that are beyond the state-minimum graduation credits and course requirements. (Questions #7 through #14 apply to this component of AB 104)

2. **How do I request a grade change to Pass / No Pass?**

The California Department of Education (CDE) released an official application to request a grade change. Parents were provided this information on July 26, 2021. The deadline to submit a grade change request is 15 calendar days from the date of the posting and written notification to parents/guardians; therefore, this request window has expired.

3. **Which courses qualify for the grade changes to Pass / No Pass?**

Any and all courses taken during the 2020-21 school year qualify for the grade change to Pass / No Pass.

4. **How does the Pass / No Pass impact Grade Point Average GPA?**

As per AB 104, the change cannot negatively impact a student's GPA. When an "F" is converted to a "No Pass," the zero points are no longer factored into the GPA. Changing a "D" or even a "C" letter grade to a "Pass" may increase a student's GPA, depending on the GPA the student had prior to the grade change. No grade changes will be made that lower a student's GPA.

5. **What is the impact of the Pass / No Pass to admissions to a college or university?**

As per AB 104, California State Universities (CSUs) will accept for admission purposes, and without prejudice, a transcript with a Pass or No Pass grade instead of a letter grade for any coursework taken during the 2020-21 school year. However, this is not the case for all universities. UC colleges and private universities are encouraged, to notify CDE if they will be accepting them. See <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/ps/ab104surveyresults.asp> for specific school listing.

6. **Is there a person I can call to learn more about the impacts on colleges or universities?** Feel free to call the High School Innovation and Initiatives Office at CDE at 916-319-0893.
7. **Who is eligible to graduate under the AB 104 State minimum graduation requirements?** Any student who was enrolled in 11th or 12th grade during the 2020-21 school year and who is not on track to graduate for the 20-21 or 21-22 school years are exempt from EUSD's graduation requirements that are beyond the state-minimum graduation credit and course requirements and can earn a diploma by completing the state-minimum graduation requirements of 130 credits.
8. **What are the State minimum graduation requirements?**
The State minimum graduation requirements are listed below with a comparison to requirements and A-G eligibility requirements.
9. **If my student completes the State minimum graduation requirements, are they A-G eligible?**
No. Please refer to the table below for a comparison of the requirements.

Course Requirements	EUSD	A-G	State
English	40	40	30
Math 1/ Including Algebra 1 or Higher			20
Math 1/Algebra 1 & Geometry or Higher	20	30	
Biological Science/ Life Science	10	10	10
Physical Science	10	10	10
U.S. History	10	10	10
World History	10	10	10
Economics	5	5	5
Gov't & Civics	5	5	5
Visual or Performing Arts/Foreign Language	10	30*	10
P.E.	P.E (15) Health (5)		20**
Electives	90	10	
TOTAL	230	160	130

*A-G requires both a Visual/Performing Art AND Foreign Language

**A student who files for a PE exemption must still complete the total of 130 credits.

10. Will the diploma earned by meeting the State minimum graduation requirements be different from the diploma earned by meeting the EUSD graduation requirements?

No. The diplomas will be exactly the same. Additionally, the transcripts will note that the student completed

130 credits out of the 130 credits required. It will not list the additional EUSD credit requirements nor will it state any information about the exemption in credit requirements. However, please note that because they have not met A-G requirements, they will not have completed the minimum eligible admission requirements for CSUs and UCs.

12. What if students who did not graduate in the Class of 2021 (12th graders during 2020-21), do not meet the State minimum graduation requirements to earn a diploma at this time, what are the options?

These students will have the option to completing a 5th year of high school, or be able to graduate with the state minimum standard described above.

13. How will Class of 2022 students (rising 12th graders), be informed about their options under AB 104?

For Class of 2022 students (rising 12th graders), at the start of the 2021-22 school year, school counselors and administrators will meet with eligible students and their families to provide information about the change in graduation requirements and create a plan based on the student's needs.

14. I was a 12th grader during the 2020-21 school year and did not graduate in June. How do I know if I am eligible to graduate under the state minimum graduation requirements? As a district, we have already begun notifying Class of 2021 non-grad students and their parents/guardians of this change to graduation requirements. School counselors have been analyzing transcripts and determining if the student is eligible to graduate under the state minimum credit and course graduation requirements of 130 credits. All Class of 2021 non-grad students are being notified of their options. If you have not been notified, please reach out to your Principal.