

# **Graduation Requirements**

1. All students must earn 230 credits in the specific subject areas.

Credits are based on time spent and material covered in a specific subject. In some cases credits are given based on student log of activities and hours completed, where 1 credit is assigned for every 15 hours of student work/time. Typical courses that allot credit in this manner are physical education, playing an instrument, and work experience. Most courses, however, require a specific body of information to be covered, so time spent studying, completing assignments and demonstrating knowledge is all taken into consideration when credits are being assigned.

Students at AFE have several options for completing coursework and receiving credit. In order to be enrolled at AFE students must take a minimum of 4 courses through AFE, and also take more courses at AFE than through other educational institutions.

Possible ways to complete coursework to earn credit:

- Use textbooks and/or other materials to take courses independently with the help from parents and/or private tutors.
- Attend classes taught by teachers, parents, or other instructors at our site.
- Attend courses at comprehensive high schools and receive credit directly from teachers.
- Take online courses and receive credit from other schools such as UCSC online college prep (<http://www.uccp.org/>) or BYU Independent Study online (<http://ce.byu.edu/is/site/courses/>)
- Attend courses at Cabrillo College
  - Cabrillo credits translate to 3.3 high school credits
  - no more than 50 credits earned at Cabrillo may be used towards graduation)
- Volunteer or docent at an organization (including AFE) in a variety of roles to earn credit in community service

2. Pass the California High School Exit Exam(CAHSEE). This test is taken for the first time in the 10 grade year and can be repeated in the 11th & 12th grades.

3. Complete the Santa Cruz City Schools District Language Arts Portfolio (LEAP).

4. Pass Algebra 1 (10 credits)

This course may be completed before high school, in which case students are still required to complete 20 credits in math to graduate.