

SCC Continuing Education Adult High School Diploma Program

About the Program

Rancho Santiago Community College District offers a comprehensive adult high school diploma program for adults who wish to continue their formal education. The Adult High School Diploma Program at Santiago Canyon College is approved by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's office. Santiago Canyon College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Diplomas are issued by the Rancho Santiago Community College District to students who complete the required course of study and demonstrate proficiency in basic skills. Graduation ceremonies are traditionally held each spring at Santiago Canyon College. Courses are offered in open entry/open exit self-paced individualized learning programs.

Basic High School Facts

- 160 credits, three proficiencies (Composition, Math and Reading)
- Morning and evening hours available
- Basic skills development in reading, spelling, writing and math within the Adult Basic Education/Reading program
- Coursework accepted from previous high schools, foreign countries, armed forces programs, colleges and other accredited vocational institutions
- 20 residency credits required (no more than five of the residency credits may be challenged)
- Work experience credit for high school elective credit may be granted (a maximum of 40 credits is allowed)
- College orientation program available
- Academic, career, and personal counseling available morning and evening

Steps to Earn a High School Diploma

1. Schedule an appointment to take the high school reading and math assessment and orientation.
2. Order official transcripts from previous school(s).
3. Meet with a counselor to review assessment scores, transcripts, and select your classes. It is the student's responsibility to bring an official or unofficial high school transcript to assist the counselor in selecting the appropriate classes for the student. If a student has submitted all official transcripts, the counselor can provide a "Provisional Evaluation of HS Credit" and list of courses required.
4. Attend classes.
5. When you have completed 10 high school subject credits, you are required to schedule an appointment to meet with a counselor to complete an Education Plan and the official OEC evaluation of transferred credits if you are transferring from another institution. If transferring credits from another institution, it is the student's responsibility to submit an official transcript from that institution before an Education Plan can be completed.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **QUESTION:** How long will it take me to graduate?
- **ANSWER:** It depends on how many credits you must complete and how often you attend class.
- **QUESTION:** How many credits can I earn toward my diploma if I take/took college credit classes?
- **ANSWER:** For each 3-unit college credit course you receive 10 high school credits.

High School Subject Classes

You earn credits by attending the high school subjects program during the hours arranged by the counselor. You must complete all required assignments in order to earn five credits for each course. Make sure you sign in and out when entering and leaving the classroom so that your time spent in class will be accurately reported. Ask the instructor for help if needed and use your time wisely.

ADULT HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

(New TITLE V requirements effective July 1, 2009)

COURSES	CREDITS
English (a maximum of 10 credits of reading ; must include at least one composition course)	40
Natural Sciences (One Biological and One Physical Science)	20
Mathematics	20
Social and Behavioral Science	30
Humanities	10
Electives	40
TOTAL CREDITS	160
PROFICIENCIES	
Composition	Pass
Mathematics	Pass
Reading	Pass

Challenging Courses by Examination

If you feel you have previously acquired the knowledge in a course needed for graduation, you may earn credits for the class by challenging the course by examination if the course is on the list of approved "Challenge Courses." You may not challenge a course in which you have completed some of the coursework. To challenge a class you must have written approval from your counselor and arrangements will be made with the instructor, according to department policy.

