

The Arizona Move On When Ready Initiative

Grand Canyon Diploma Requirements

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What is the Grand Canyon High School Diploma?

The Grand Canyon High School Diploma is available to Arizona students who demonstrate college and career readiness in all core subject areas before they leave high school. Earning the Grand Canyon High School Diploma means that a student is academically prepared to take college level courses without remediation.

Advancement is based on **mastery**, not “seat time.” Students advance when they demonstrate they have learned the material. They must prove in-depth learning, demonstrating skills with writing, analysis, and problem-solving on curriculum-based exams. When students show they are college-ready on exams in English, mathematics, science, history and the arts, they earn the Grand Canyon High School Diploma.

What are the specific requirements to earn a Grand Canyon High School Diploma?

Students at Cambridge schools must meet the following requirements:

Cambridge International Exams and Course Areas	College-Ready Qualification Score	Grand Canyon Diploma Requirements: Students must earn the college-ready qualification score on five (5) exams, successfully complete seven (7) exams, and successfully complete Fine Art/CTE and economics courses. Students must:
IGCSE English First Language (Extended)	B	Meet the college-ready qualification score.
IGCSE English Literature	C	Reach a passing score of G or above.
IGCSE Mathematics (Extended)	C	Meet the college-ready qualification score.
IGCSE Biology IGCSE Chemistry IGCSE Physics IGCSE Coord. Sciences*	C	Meet the college-ready qualification score on 1 science exam. Reach a passing score of G or above on 1 additional science exam.
IGCSE World History IGCSE American History	C	Meet the college-ready qualification score on 1 history exam. Reach a passing score of G or above on 1 additional history exam.
Meet the college-ready qualification score of “C” on 1 additional Cambridge IGCSE exam, choosing from: English Literature, the sciences**, or history exam areas.		
Fine Art or Career and Technical Education (CTE)	G	Meet the college-ready qualification score on IGCSE Art & Design, IGCSE Drama, or IGCSE Music or successful completion of a local course.
Economics	Local course	Successfully complete a local course (½ credit).

* IGCSE Coordinated Sciences is a double-award exam that counts as two sciences.

** Meeting the qualification score on IGCSE Coordinated Sciences may count as both the science exam and the “1 additional” exam.

It is important to note the Cambridge International Examinations A*-G grading system is different than the letter grading system used in the United States. In the Cambridge system, the

IGCSE Grade G represents the first passing grade in Cambridge's grade scale, and the Grade C represents readiness to progress to the next stage of learning.

To earn a Grade G, a student typically must produce a portfolio of work—written responses in the case of IGCSE Literature or a series of lab reports in the IGCSE science courses—sit for the end-of-course examination, and earn enough marks to get onto the scoring scale. In short, students have to really apply themselves in each course to earn a Grade G, and demonstrate they are fully ready to move on without support to earn a Grade C.