

**BP 4D1 – Minimum  
Graduation Requirements**

**Proposed Revision to  
Kern Community College District Board Policy Manual  
Section Four – Students/Instructional Services**

Governance Process: Share as Information Only

Reason for Revision: To Establish/Amend District Policy

**4D1** **Minimum Graduation Requirements**--To graduate from a District College, the student must meet the following requirements:

- 4D1A** An Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree is awarded those who complete sixty (60) units of associate degree-applicable credit courses with at least a 2.0 grade point average in all courses undertaken at any accredited college. Each College shall implement and may expand the minimum graduation requirements and shall report such action to the governing board.
- 4D1B** Twelve (12) units of the total must be completed in residence at the College that grants the degree.
- 4D1C** Eighteen (18) units of study must be completed in a discipline, or from related disciplines, as listed in the Community Colleges *Taxonomy of Programs*. Each course counted in this section must be completed with a grade of “C” or better, or a “P” if the course is taken on a pass/no pass basis.
- 4D1D** Eighteen (18) semester units of general education must be completed and shall include at least one (1) course in each of the following areas: (1) Natural Sciences, (2) Social and Behavioral Sciences, (3) Humanities, and (4) Language and Rationality. A course designated by each College as meeting the Ethnic Studies requirement must be taken in at least one of these four (4) areas. Courses counted to meet this general education requirement must be completed with a grade point average of 2.0 or better.

**4D1E** Students must demonstrate competence in reading, written expression, and mathematics through courses or examination as noted in Sections 4D1E1, 4D1E2, and 4D1E3 below.

**4D1E1** Competence in written expression, shall be demonstrated by obtaining a satisfactory grade in an English course at the level of the course typically known as “Freshman Composition,” or another English course at the same level and with the same rigor, approved locally, or by achieving a score on an assessment instrument determined to be comparable to satisfactory completion of the specified English course.

**4D1E2** Competence in mathematics shall be demonstrated by obtaining a satisfactory grade in a mathematics course at the level of the course typically known as “Intermediate Algebra,” or another mathematics course at the same level, with the same rigor and with “Elementary Algebra” as a prerequisite, approved locally, or by achieving a score on an assessment instrument determined to be comparable to satisfactory completion of the specified mathematics course.

**4D1E3** Demonstrated competence in reading shall be locally determined.

~~**4D1F** Since an understanding of wellness is an important attribute of a generally educated person, and for the general population as well, students must develop an understanding of the human condition as an integrated being regarding health and wellness. This requirement will be met by a minimum three (3) unit combination of health related courses, and/or physical education activity course or courses, as determined by the Colleges.~~

**Pursuant to Ed Code §66746(b)(1)(A), this portion is stricken by operation of law.**