

ALTERNATIVE CREDITS TOWARD GRADUATION

In order to increase educational opportunities for high school students, meet individual student needs, and encourage all students to complete their high school education, the district will permit the use of alternative means to complete the credits towards graduation. With involvement of parents/guardians, administrators, teachers, and students, the Board shall adopt alternative means for students to complete the prescribed course of study required for high school graduation. These alternative means shall be made available to students, parents/guardians, and the public.

(Education Code 51225.3)

Students may earn credits toward high school graduation through the following:

1. Practical demonstration of skills and competencies (Education Code 51225.3)
Opportunities to demonstrate skills and competencies shall include, but not be limited to, challenging a course through successful completion of a district-developed examination which covers course objectives. The district shall not use results from the General Educational Development test or other state or national tests for this purpose.

(cf. 6146.2 - Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency)

(cf. 6155 - Challenging Courses by Examinations)

2. Supervised work experience education, or other outside school experience in accordance with Education Code 51760.3 and 5 CCR 1635 (Education Code 51225.3)

(cf. 6178.1 - Work Based Learning)

3. Career technical education classes offered in high school (Education Code 51225.3)

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

4. Courses offered by regional occupational programs.
5. Interdisciplinary study (Education Code 51225.3).
6. The district independent study programs.
7. Courses successfully completed at a Postsecondary institution.
8. Correspondence instruction from a California university or college accredited for teacher training in accordance with 5 CCR 1633 (Education Code 51740-51741).
9. Private instruction, through an accredited institution.
10. Juvenile court school.
11. Military service and training in accordance with 5 CCR 1634 (Education Code 51440).

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12. Private school foreign language instruction.
13. District Summer School Program.
14. District Adult School.

Academic high school courses may be repeated; however, credit toward subject area graduation requirements will be granted only once for a specific course.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure the alternative credit programs meet all of the requirements of law governing the programs.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 35160 Authority of governing boards
- 35160.1 Broad authority of school districts
- 48645.5 Course credit, juvenile court schools
- 48800-48802 Attendance at community college; advanced education
- 51220 Areas of study; grades 7-12
- 51225.3 Requirements for graduation
- 51241-51246 Exemptions from requirements
- 51440 Veteran's education, evaluation and credit toward high school graduation
- 51740-51741 Authority to provide instruction by correspondence
- 51760-51769.5 Work experience education

VEHICLE CODE

- 12814.6 Teen driver's act

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 1600-1635 Alternative credit

- (cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)
- (cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)
- (cf. 6146.3 - Reciprocity of Academic Credit)
- (cf. 6200 - Adult Education)
- (cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
- (cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

- California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>