

COURSES OF STUDY

The Governing Board recognizes that a well aligned sequence of courses fosters academic progress and provides for the best possible use of instructional time. The district's course of study shall provide students with opportunities to attain the skills, knowledge, and abilities they need to be successful in school, college, and the workplace.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish processes for ensuring the articulation of courses across grade levels within the district. As necessary, he/she also shall work with representatives of appropriate area districts and postsecondary institutions to ensure articulation of courses with other institutions to which district students may matriculate. The sequence of courses shall be designed to ensure that each course provides adequate preparation for the next course in the sequence, avoids significant duplication of content, and allows for reinforcement and progression in the subject matter.

Elementary Grades

The Board shall adopt a course of study for elementary grades that sufficiently prepares students for the secondary course of study.

(cf. 6146.5 - Elementary/Middle School Graduation Requirements)

Secondary Grades

The district shall offer all otherwise qualified students in grades 7-12 a course of study that prepares them, upon graduation from high school, to meet the requirements and prerequisites for admission to California public colleges and universities and to attain entry-level employment skills in business or industry. (Education Code 51228)

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

(cf. 6141.5 - Advanced Placement)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

In addition, the course of study for school students in grades 9-12 shall include instruction in skills and knowledge for adult life career technical training, and a timely opportunity for all otherwise qualified students to enroll, within four years before graduation, in each course necessary to fulfill the requirements and prerequisites for admission to California public colleges and universities. (Education Code 51224, 51228)

COURSES OF STUDY (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a process by which courses that meet college admission criteria (referred to as “a-g” course requirements) are submitted to the University of California for review and certification. He/she shall maintain an accurate list of all current high school courses that have been so certified, shall ensure that the list is provided annually to each student in grades 9-12, and shall make updated lists readily available. (Education Code 51229, 66204)

*Legal Reference:**EDUCATION CODE*

33319.3 *Driver education; CDE materials on road rage*
 33540 *Government and civics instruction in interaction with government agencies*
 48980 *Parental notifications*
 51202 *Instruction in personal and public health and safety*
 51203 *Instruction on alcohol, narcotics and restricted dangerous drugs*
 51204 *Course of study designed for student's needs*
 51204.5 *Social science instruction; history of California; contributions of various groups*
 51210-51212 *Course of study for grades 1-6*
 51220-51229 *Course of study for grades 7-12*
 51241 *Exemption from physical education*
 51911-51921 *Comprehensive health education*
 51930-51939 *Comprehensive sexual health and HIV/AIDS prevention instruction*
 51940 *Curriculum for brain and spinal cord injury prevention*
 53278-53280 *Supplemental School Counseling Program*
 60040-60052 *Requirements for instructional materials*
 66204 *Certification of high school courses as meeting university admission criteria*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

11032 *Definition of dangerous drugs*
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
 10020-10049 *Automobile driver education and training*
 10060 *Physical education program*
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
 6101-6251 *School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994*

*Management Resources:**WEB SITES*

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
 California Career Resource Network: <http://www.californiacareers.info>
 California Colleges.edu: <http://www.californiacolleges.edu>
 California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>
 California State University, Admission Requirements:
 University of California, Certified Course Lists: <http://doorways.ucop.edu/list>
 University of California, College Prep Online Courses and Services: <http://www.uccp.org>
 University of California, List of Approved a-g
 Courses: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/freshman/requirements>

Policy

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