

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/or the workplace.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish processes for ensuring the articulation of courses across the grade levels within the district. As necessary, he/she also shall work with representatives of appropriate 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.

Prior to the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall advise students, parents/guardians, employees, and the general public that all courses of study are offered without regard to any actual or perceived characteristic protected from discrimination by law. (34 CFR 100.B, 104.8, 106.9)

(cf. 0410 – Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures)

The above notification shall be disseminated in languages other than English as needed and shall state that the district will take steps to ensure that the lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in the district's program. (20 USC 2354; 34 CFR 100.B)

Elementary Grades

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

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)

In addition, the course of study for students in grades 9-12 shall include instruction in skills and knowledge for adult life, career technical education, 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)

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 (UC) for review and certification. He/she shall maintain an accurate list of all current district 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 References:

EDUCATION CODE

- 33319.3 Driver education; CDE materials on road rage
- 33540 Government and civics instruction in interaction with government agencies
- 48980 Parent 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 History of California; contributions of men, women and ethnic groups
- 51210-51212 Areas of study for grades 1-6
- 51220-51228 Course of study for grades 7-12
- 51241 Exemption from physical education
- 51911-51921 Comprehensive health education plans
- 51930-51939 California Comprehensive Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Act
- 51940 Curriculum for brain and spinal cord injury prevention
- 53278-53280 Supplemental School Counseling Program
- 66204 Certification of high school courses as meeting university admission criteria

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

- 11032 Definitions of dangerous drugs

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 10020-10049 Automobile driver education

- 10060 Physical education

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

- 6101-6251 School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994

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