

INSTRUCTION

SUBJECT: Courses of Study

The County Board of Education shall adopt a course of instruction for students in County-operated programs which sufficiently prepares them for the required high school course of study specified in state law. The course of study shall conform to the county graduation requirements and the requirements for admission to California public universities. Courses of study shall provide students the opportunity to attain skills, knowledge, and abilities they need to be successful in school, college, and/or the workplace and for entry-level employment in business and industry upon graduation from high school.

The County Board of Education recognizes that a well-articulated sequence of courses fosters academic progress and provides for the best possible use of instructional time.

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

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

The County Superintendent of Schools or designee shall establish processes for ensuring the articulation of courses across grade levels within the County Office of Education and, as necessary, shall work with representatives of appropriate area school districts to ensure articulation of courses.

The County Office of Education shall not provide any course separately or require or refuse participation by any student on the basis of the student's actual or perceived sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender expression, gender identity, ethnic group identification, immigration status, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, mental or physical disability, or any other characteristic listed in Education Code 200 and 220, Government Code 11135, or Penal Code 422.55, or the student's association with a person or group with one or more of such actual or perceived characteristics. (Education Code 200, 220; Government Code 11135; Penal Code 422.55; 5 CCR 4940)

Elementary Grades

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

Secondary Grades

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

The County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all otherwise qualified students have a timely opportunity, within the four years before graduation, to enroll in each course necessary to fulfill the requirements and prerequisites for admission to California public colleges and universities prior to graduation from high school. (Education Code 51228)

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(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)
 (cf. 6030 - Integrated Academic and Vocational Instruction) (cf. 6141.5 - Advanced Placement)
 (cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)
 (cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)
 (cf. 6178 - Vocational Education)

In addition, the course of study for high school students shall include instruction in skills and knowledge for adult life and career technical training. (Education Code 51224)

The County Superintendent or designee shall develop a process by which courses are submitted to the University of California (UC) for review and certification in order to meet university admission criteria. He/she shall maintain an accurate list of all current high school courses that have been so certified and shall ensure that the list is provided annually to each student in grades 9-12 and that updated lists are made readily available. (Education Code 66204)

At the beginning of each school year, the County Superintendent or designee shall provide written notice to parents/guardians of students in grades 9-12 that, to the extent possible, shall not exceed one page in length and that includes all of the following: (Education Code 51229)

1. A brief explanation of the college admission requirements
2. A list of the current UC and California State University (CSU) web sites that help students and their families learn about college admission requirements and that list high school courses that have been certified by UC as satisfying the requirements for admission to UC and CSU
3. A brief description of what career technical education is, as defined by the California Department of Education (CDE)
4. The Internet address for the portion of the web site of the CDE where students can learn more about career technical education
5. Information about how students may meet with school counselors to help them choose courses that will meet college admission requirements and/or enroll in career technical education courses

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)
 (cf. 6164.2 - Counseling/Guidance Services)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1240 Superintendent's Authority

33319.3 Driver education; CDE materials on road rage

33540 Government and civics instruction in interaction with government agencies

48645.3 Juvenile Court Schools 48980

Parental notifications

51014 Definition of Course of Study 51050

Enforcement of Course of Study

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

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51204.5 History of California; contributions of men, women and ethnic groups
51210-51212 Areas of study for grades 1-6
51220-51229 Course of study for grades 7-12 51224
High School Course of Study re: Adult Life 51241
Exemption from physical education
51911-51921 Comprehensive health educational plans
51930-51939 California Comprehensive Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Act 51940
Curriculum for brain and spinal cord injury prevention
52302.3 ROP
53278-53280 Supplemental School Counseling Program
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>

University of California, Certified Course Lists: <http://doorways.ucop.edu/list>

University of California, College Prep Online Courses and Services: <http://www.uccp.org>