

Regulation 6146.11: Alternative Credits Toward Graduation

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Definitions

Alternative means specified by the district for completing the prescribed course of study shall be made available to students, parents/guardians and the public. (Education Code 51225.3)

A semester period is one period of 40 to 60 minutes of instructional time per week throughout one semester of at least 17 weeks, or a minimum of 12 clock hours of instructional time provided during the academic year or in summer school. While the content to be covered is planned within these time frames, a student may be granted one semester period of credit even though the student spends less than the aforementioned amount of time in completing the necessary work. (5 CCR 1600)

Juvenile Court School

The district shall accept for credit any coursework satisfactorily completed by students while detained in a juvenile court school or county- or state-operated institution. Students who successfully complete district graduation requirements while so detained shall receive a diploma from the school they last attended. (Education Code 48645.5)

Out-of-District Instruction

The district recognizes that students may desire to augment or accelerate their high school education in order to successfully reach various individual educational goals. As a result, the district has established procedures for students who wish to take courses in designated accredited educational institutions, local public community colleges or public universities.

The following procedures apply to the acceptance of credits for Perris Union High School District (PUHSD) students who complete coursework in other designated accredited educational institutions while enrolled in PUHSD commencing with the graduating class of 2028. These procedures apply only to outside coursework completed, to be posted on the high school transcript, while a student is enrolled in a PUHSD school.

1. For credit recovery, students are allowed to earn 10 high school credits per year from a designated accredited educational institution, local public community college, or public university for repeated courses required for high school

graduation if the original grade is a "D" or "F" and receive prior approval from the high school principal.

Ten high school credits per school year, with a maximum of 40 credits towards graduation, will be accepted from a student who takes courses in other designated accredited educational institutions while enrolled in a PUHSD school. The superintendent or designee may approve an additional 10 credits per year from a designated accredited educational institution, local public community college, or public university.

2. For acceleration, high school students are allowed to earn 10 high school credits per year from a designated accredited educational institution, local public community college, or public university to fulfill high school graduation requirements in the following areas: Visual and Performing Arts, second year of Physical Education and Electives. Incoming ninth grade students (the summer before the student enters high school) are allowed to earn 10 high school credits, which must be approved by the high school principal, from a designated accredited educational institution, local public community college or public university to fulfill high school graduation requirements in the area of Visual and Performing Arts only. The Visual and Performing Arts course must meet UC/CSU "a-g" entrance requirements.

Ten high school credits per school year, with a maximum of 40 credits towards graduation, will be accepted from a student who takes courses in other designated accredited educational institutions while enrolled in a PUHSD school. The superintendent or designee may approve an additional 10 credits per year from a designated accredited educational institution, local public community college, or public university.

3. The maximum of 10 credits per year noted in item number one will be accepted under the following conditions:
 - a. Before enrolling in the course, students must first secure an "Application and Authorization Form for Outside Education Courses" document from their high school counselor, complete the form, and submit it to the principal for approval prior to enrolling in the Out-of-District course.
 - b. Course work may only be completed at a designated accredited educational institution, local public community colleges, University of California Regents programs, and the California State University system. Under special circumstances, the principal may approve course work taken at an

- out-of-state accredited institution of higher learning.
- c. In accordance with Education Code 46145, students must be enrolled in a minimum of five district classes.
 - d. Approved outside courses will be listed as an out-of-district course on the student's PUHSD transcript. With an annotation that the course was taken outside the PUHSD, the student will receive the same letter grade as on the out-of-district institution transcript. Three and one-third semester high school credits will be given for each college credit hour earned with a maximum of ten credits per course. The letter grade posted on the high school transcript will be used in the computation of the student's grade point average on a four-point scale for class ranking purposes.

Concurrent Enrollment Instruction

Students are allowed to enroll in concurrent enrollment coursework offered on a PUHSD school campus to earn high school credits from a designated accredited educational institution, local public community college or public university to fulfill high school graduation requirements. The concurrent courses will be approved by Educational Services and only offered on a PUHSD school campus.

Three and one-third semester high school credits will be given for each college credit hour earned with a maximum of ten credits per semester per course. The letter grade from concurrent enrollment courses, held on a PUHSD school campus will be posted on the high school transcript and be used in the computation of the student's grade point average on a five-point scale for class ranking purposes. Concurrent enrollment courses will be assigned five credits per semester per course for class ranking purposes.

~~Private Instruction~~

~~A student who is regularly enrolled and in attendance at a high school shall receive credit toward high school graduation for private instruction under the following conditions: (5 CCR 1631)~~

~~1. The instruction entails fields and subjects included in the high school's courses of study and curricula.~~

~~2. The student demonstrates his/her capabilities at the beginning and at the end of the period of private instruction by examination(s) given under the school's supervision; thereby showing that he/she has made progress in learning satisfactory to the school.~~

~~Correspondence Instruction~~

~~Prior to registering for a correspondence course, the student or his/her parent/guardian shall obtain verification from the Superintendent or designee that the course is essentially equivalent to the high school curriculum and meets district graduation requirements. The number of semester credits assigned to the course shall be determined before the student begins coursework.~~

~~The district shall grant credit toward graduation for correspondence instruction if all of the following conditions are met: (Education Code 51740, 51741; 5 CCR 1633)~~

~~1. The correspondence instruction is provided by the University of California, or other university or college in California accredited for teacher training, in subjects included within or related to the student's course of study.~~

~~2. The student is, for good reason, unable to take the course of study offered in the school.~~

~~3. The Superintendent or designee determines the number of semester periods to be credited for successful completion of a particular correspondence course.~~

~~4. No more than 40 total semester periods of correspondence instruction are credited to a student towards graduation.~~

Military Service and Training

Credit toward graduation shall be granted for military service and training received while in the military service of the United States, within the maximum limits established in 5 CCR 1634. A person is eligible for this credit if ~~he/she is~~ **they are** either: (Education Code 51440; 5 CCR 1634)

1. A former member of the Armed Forces who is a California resident and who has received an honorable discharge

2. A member of the Armed Forces who is a California resident and was a California resident on the date ~~he/she is~~ **they** entered the Armed Forces

The Superintendent or designee shall keep a permanent record of the credit allowed for military service or training. (5 CCR 1634)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

Private Foreign Language Instruction

The district shall grant credit for foreign language studies successfully completed in a private school and shall apply the credit toward meeting any foreign language requirement prescribed for grades 9-12, provided that all of the following conditions are met: (Education Code 51243-51245; 5 CCR 1632)

1. The courses are in languages designated in Education Code 51244.

2. The student is regularly enrolled or applying to the district in grades 9-12.
3. The student or ~~his/her~~ their parent/guardian applies in writing for the credit, specifies the private school attended and the amount and level of credit requested, and submits a transcript or other documents from the private school showing that the student successfully completed the course.
4. The amount of credit sought equals at least one semester's work.
5. The principal or designee determines that the student's achievement is equivalent to that expected of a student of comparable ability taking the same or similar instruction in district schools. This determination shall be based upon the private school's report of a test developed by the private school in cooperation with the district or, if the private school is located outside the district, the principal or designee may use a test given by a public school or other evidence which ~~he/she is~~ they deems appropriate.

