

## COURSES OF STUDY

The Governing Board recognizes that a well-aligned sequence of courses fosters academic growth 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 academically, professionally, and personally.

*(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)*

*(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)*

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

~~\*\*\*Note: The following optional paragraph should be revised to reflect the grade levels offered by the district. For example, unified school districts need to be concerned about articulation of courses within the district and with postsecondary institutions, whereas elementary districts and high school districts will need to address articulation with each other.\*\*\*~~

The Superintendent or designee shall establish processes for ensuring the articulation of courses across grade levels within the district. As necessary, the Superintendent or designee 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, only utilizes prerequisites that are essential to success in a given program or course, avoids significant duplication of content, and allows for reinforcement and progression in the subject matter.

The district shall not provide any course separately on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, or mental or physical disability or require or refuse participation by any of its students on any such basis. (5 CCR 4940)

*(cf. 0415 - Equity)*

*(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)*

### **Elementary Grades**

~~\*\*\*Note: The following section is for use by districts offering elementary grades and may be revised to reflect district practice. Education Code 51225.4 mandates elementary school districts to certify to the Superintendent of Public Instruction that they have adopted a policy to implement a course of instruction that sufficiently prepares students for the secondary courses required for graduation pursuant to Education Code 51225.3.\*\*\*~~

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

~~\*\*\*Note: Education Code 51228 requires districts to offer students in grades 7-12 a course of study that fulfills the requirements and prerequisites for admission to California colleges. Education Code 51228 also requires districts to offer such students the opportunity to attain entry-level employment skills. Pursuant to Education Code 51228, districts that adopt a course of study that meets or exceeds the state model curriculum standards in career technical education will be deemed to have satisfied the requirement.\*\*\*~~

~~\*\*\*Note: Education Code 66204 prohibits a public school from establishing any policy or practice that directs any student away from choosing programs that prepare a student academically for college, especially for cultural or linguistic reasons.\*\*\*~~

~~\*\*\*Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts maintaining any of grades 7-12 and should be revised to reflect the grade levels offered by the district.\*\*\*~~

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. 6178 - Career Technical Education)*

~~\*\*\*Note: The remainder of this policy is for use by districts maintaining any of grades 9-12.\*\*\*~~

In addition, the course of study for 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, in each course necessary to fulfill the requirements and prerequisites for admission to California public colleges and universities prior to graduation. (Education Code 51224, 51228)

~~\*\*\*Note: Among the criteria for admission to the University of California (UC) or California State University system is a requirement that high school students satisfactorily complete 15 units of specified courses ("a-g" courses). These include a growing number of career technical education courses that connect knowledge of academic content with practical or work-related applications.\*\*\*~~

~~\*\*\*Note: In order to qualify as an "a-g" course, the course must first be submitted to and approved by UC. Education Code 51229 requires that districts annually provide the list of certified courses to students in grades 9-12 and their parents/guardians; see the accompanying administrative regulation and E-5145.6—Parental Notifications.\*\*\*~~

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a process by which courses that meet California college admission criteria (referred to as "a-g" course requirements) are submitted to the University of California for review and certification. The Superintendent or designee 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 all students in grades 9-12 and their parents/guardians, 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*  
60040-60052 *Requirements for instructional materials*  
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

4940 *Nondiscrimination; course access*  
10020-10043 *Automobile driver education and training*  
10060 *Physical education program*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6111-6251 *School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994*

*Management Resources:*

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>  
American Health Association: <http://www.heart.org>  
American Red Cross, Hands-Only CPR: <http://www.redcross.org/take-a-class>  
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: [http://www.csumentor.edu/planning/high\\_school](http://www.csumentor.edu/planning/high_school)  
University of California, a-g Course Submissions: <http://hs-articulation.ucop.edu/guide/update-your-a-g-list/submitting-courses>  
University of California, List of Approved a-g Courses: <http://hs-articulation.ucop.edu/agcourselist>

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