

Board Policy

Instruction

BP 6143

Courses of Study

The Governing Board recognizes that a well-articulated sequence of courses fosters academic progress and makes for the best possible use of instructional time.
(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)
(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

Note: Options 1 and 2 below address articulation of courses across grade levels and may be revised to reflect district practice.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish processes for ensuring the articulation of courses across grade levels.

OPTION 2: Elementary or High School Districts

The Superintendent or designee shall establish processes for ensuring the articulation of courses across grade levels within the district and shall work with representatives of appropriate area districts to ensure articulation of courses between elementary and secondary schools.

Note: The following paragraph is for use by elementary districts and may be revised to reflect district practice. Education Code 51225.4 mandates each elementary school district to certify to the Superintendent of Public Instruction that it has adopted a policy to implement a course of instruction that sufficiently prepares students for the secondary courses required for graduation in Education Code 51225.3.

The Board shall adopt a course of study for elementary grades that sufficiently prepares students for the secondary school course of study.
(cf. 6146.5 - Elementary/Middle School Graduation Requirements)

Note: The following two paragraphs are for use by districts maintaining any of grades 7-12.

Courses of study for secondary grades shall prepare students 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 upon graduation from high school.
(Education Code 51228)
(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)
(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)
(cf. 6178 - Vocational Education)

The 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. (Education Code 51228)

Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts maintaining one or more high schools. Education Code 51224 contains similar provisions to Education Code 51228 but is applicable only to high schools and addresses both college preparation and career technical training.

Note: SB 1339 (Ch. 320, Statutes of 2002) amended Education Code 66204 to request the University of California to assist school districts with (1) submitting courses to the university to be certified as meeting university admission requirements, and (2) maintaining and making available to students accurate lists of certified courses. Education Code 66204, as amended, also requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to advise districts regarding the importance of making such lists available to students. The following optional paragraph is for use by districts maintaining one or more high schools and is based on the legislative intent expressed in Education Code 66204.

Note: Education Code 66204 prohibits any public elementary or secondary school from establishing any policy or practice that directs any student away from choosing programs that prepare him/her academically for college, especially for cultural or linguistic reasons.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33319.3 Driver education; CDE materials on road rage
33540 Government and civics instruction in interaction with government agencies
51934 Instruction on AIDS and AIDS prevention
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 to development of state and nations
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 educational plans
51940 Curriculum for brain and spinal cord injury prevention
66204 Certification of high school courses as meeting university admission criteria

GOVERNMENT CODE

3543.2 Scope of representation

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

11032 Definition of dangerous drugs

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

10020 Driver education

10060 Physical education program

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

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

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

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

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