

**ALTERNATIVE CREDITS TOWARD GRADUATION**

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)

**Supervised Work Experience Education**

A student shall be granted up to forty (40) semester periods of credit for work experience education of one or more of the following types: (Education Code 51760.3; 5 CCR 1635)

1. For exploratory work experience education, the student may earn ten (10) semester periods for each semester, with a maximum of twenty (20) semester periods earned in two (2) semesters.
2. For general work experience education, the student may earn ten (10) semester periods for each semester, with a maximum of forty (40) semester periods.
3. For vocational work experience education, the student may earn ten (10) semester periods for each semester, with a maximum of forty (40) semester periods.

To receive credit, the student must satisfy eligibility requirements and receive at least the minimum period of instruction or counseling pursuant to Education Code 51760.3.

*(cf. 6178.1 - Work Experience Education)*

**College Courses**

To receive high school credit for coursework completed at a community college or four-year college, the student or parent/guardian shall submit a written request and a transcript showing successful completion of the course. The course shall be one that satisfies college entrance requirements, applies toward college-level general education requirements, or is part of a vocational or career technical education course leading to a degree or certificate.

For students attending community college as special part-time students, credit shall be at a level jointly determined by the Governing Board and the community college governing board. (Education Code 48800)

*(cf. 6172 - Gifted and Talented Student Program)*

**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)

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1. The instruction entails fields and subjects included in the high school's courses of study and curricula.
2. The student has submitted a written request that is signed by the principal or counselor.

**Correspondence Instruction**

The district shall grant credit for correspondence instruction under the following conditions: (Education Code 51740; 5 CCR 1633)

1. The correspondence instruction is provided by the University of California, or other accredited university or college, 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.

**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 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 (1) 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 deems appropriate.