

**COURSES OF STUDY**

The Governing Board recognizes that a well-articulated sequence of courses fosters academic progress 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 in school, college, and/or the workplace.

*(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)*  
*(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)*

The Superintendent or designee shall establish processes for ensuring the articulation of courses across grade levels within the district and, ensure articulation of courses between elementary and secondary schools.

**Elementary Grades**

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)*

**Secondary Grades**

The district 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 Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all otherwise qualified students have a timely opportunity, within the four (4) 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)

*(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)*  
*(cf. 6141.5 - Advanced Placement)*  
*(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)*  
*(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)*  
*(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)*

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

**COURSES OF STUDY** (continued)

The 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 district 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 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 - Guidance/Counseling Services)*

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**COURSES OF STUDY (continued)**

*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 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*
- 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*
- 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>*