### Policy 6143: Courses Of Study

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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.

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 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)

### **Elementary Grades**

The Board shall adopt a course of study for elementary grades that sufficiently prepares students for the secondary school course of study.

#### Secondary Grades

The district shall offer all otherwise qualified students in grades 7-12 a course of study that prepares them, 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)

In addition, the course of study for students in grades 9-12 shall include instruction in skills and knowledge for adult life and 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)

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) Grades 1-6

### Courses of study for grades 1-6 shall include the following:

- 1. English: knowledge and appreciation of language and literature, and the skills of speaking, reading, listening, spelling, handwriting, and composition (Education Code 51210)
- 2. Mathematics: concepts, operational skills, and problem solving (Education Code 51210)
- 3. Social sciences: age-appropriate instruction drawing upon the disciplines of anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, and sociology, including instruction in: (Education Code 51210)
  - a. The history, resources, development, and government of California and the United States

Instruction shall include the early history of California and a study of the role and contributions of men and women, Native Americans, African Americans, Mexican Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, European Americans, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans, persons with disabilities, and members of other ethnic and cultural groups to the economic, political, and social development of California and the United States, with particular emphasis on portraying the role of these groups in contemporary society. (Education Code 51204.5, 60040)

- b. The development of the American economic system, including the role of the entrepreneur and labor
- c. The relations of persons to their human and natural environments
- d. Eastern and western cultures and civilizations
- e. Contemporary issues
- f. The wise use of natural resources
- 4. Science: biological and physical aspects, with emphasis on experimental inquiry and the place of humans in ecological systems (Education Code 51210)
- 5. Visual and performing arts: instruction in dance, music, theatre, and visual arts aimed at developing aesthetic appreciation and creative expression (Education Code 51210)
- 6. Health: principles and practices of individual, family, and community health, including instruction at the appropriate grade levels and subject areas in: (Education Code 51202, 51210)
  - a. Personal and public safety and accident prevention, including instruction in emergency first aid, hemorrhage control, treatment for poisoning, resuscitation techniques, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) when appropriate equipment is available
  - b. Fire prevention
  - c. The protection and conservation of resources, including the necessity for the protection of the environment
  - d. Venereal disease
  - e. The effects of alcohol, narcotics, drugs, and tobacco upon the human body
  - f. Violence as a public health issue
- 7. Physical education: with emphasis on physical activities conducive to health and vigor of body and mind <u>(Education Code 51210)</u>
- 8. Violence awareness and prevention
- 9. Career awareness exploration

# Grades 7-12

Courses of study for grades 7-12 shall include the following:

- 1. English: knowledge and appreciation of literature, language, and composition, and the skills of reading, listening, and speaking (Education Code 51220)
- 2. Social sciences: age-appropriate instruction drawing upon the disciplines of anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, and sociology, with instruction in: (Education Code 51220)
  - a. The history, resources, development, and government of California and the United States, including instruction in:
    - i. The early history of California and a study of the role and contributions of both men and women, Native Americans, African Americans, Mexican Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, European Americans, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans, persons with disabilities, and members of other ethnic and cultural groups to the economic, political, and social development of California and the United States, with particular emphasis on portraying the role of these groups in contemporary society (Education Code 51204.5)

- ii. World War II, including the role of Americans and Filipino Americans who served in the United States Army during that time
- iii. The Vietnam War, including the "Secret War" in Laos and role of Southeast Asians in that war
- iv. The Bracero program, in which there was a 1942 agreement between the United States and Mexico authorizing the temporary migration of laborers to the United States
- b. The American legal system, the operation of the juvenile and adult criminal justice systems, and the rights and duties of citizens under the criminal and civil law and the state and federal constitutions

This course may include participation in a teen court or peer court program. (Education Code 51220.2)

- c. The development of the American economic system, including the role of the entrepreneur and labor
- d. The relations of persons to their human and natural environments, including the wise use of natural resources (Education Code 51221)
- e. Eastern and western cultures and civilizations
- f. Human rights issues, with particular attention to the study of the inhumanity of genocide (which may include, but is not limited to, the Armenian, Cambodian, Darfur, and Rwandan genocides), slavery, and the Holocaust
- g. Contemporary issues
- 3. World language(s): understanding, speaking, reading, and writing, beginning not later than grade 7 (Education Code 51220)
- 4. Physical education: with emphasis on physical activities conducive to health and vigor of body and mind, as required by Education Code 51222 (Education Code 51220)
- 5. Science: physical and biological aspects; emphasis on basic concepts, theories, and processes of scientific investigation and on the place of humans in ecological systems; appropriate applications of the interrelation and interdependence of the sciences (Education Code 51220)
- 6. Mathematics: mathematical understandings, operational skills, and problem-solving procedures; algebra <u>(Education Code 51220, 51224.5)</u>
- 7. Visual and performing arts: dance, music, theatre, and visual arts, with emphasis upon development of aesthetic appreciation and creative expression (Education Code 51220)
- 8. Applied arts: consumer education, family and consumer sciences education, industrial arts, general business education, or general agriculture (Education Code 51220)
- 9. Career technical/vocational-technical education: in the occupations and in the numbers appropriate to the personnel needs of the state and community served and relevant to the career desires and needs of students <u>(Education Code 51220)</u>
- 10. Comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention (Education Code 51225.36, 51934)
- 11. Personal and public safety, accident prevention and health, including instruction in: (Education Code 51202, 51203)
  - a. Emergency first aid, hemorrhage control, treatment for poisoning, resuscitation techniques, and CPR when appropriate equipment is available

Instruction shall be provided in compression-only CPR based on national guidelines and shall include hands-on practice. (Education Code 51225.6)

- b. Fire prevention
- c. The protection and conservation of resources, including the necessity for the protection of the environment
- d. Venereal disease
- e. The effects of alcohol, narcotics, drugs, and tobacco upon the human body
- f. Prenatal care for pregnant individuals
- g. Violence as a public health issue
- 12. Violence awareness and prevention
- 13. Ethnic studies

Commencing in the 2025-26 school year, the district shall offer a one-semester course in ethnic studies as specified in Education Code 51225.3.

In addition, the course of study for grade 7 and/or 8 may include parenting skills and education, including, but not limited to, child growth and development, parental responsibilities, household budgeting, child abuse and neglect issues, personal hygiene, maintenance of healthy relationships, teen parenting issues, and self-esteem. (Education Code 51220.5)

High schools shall offer automobile driver education that includes instruction in: (Education Code 51220, 51220.1, 51220.4)

- 1. Vehicle Code provisions and other relevant state laws
- 2. Proper acceptance of personal responsibility in traffic
- 3. Appreciation of the causes, seriousness, and consequences of traffic accidents
- 4. Knowledge and attitudes necessary for the safe operation of motor vehicles
- 5. The safe operation of motorcycles
- 6. The dangers involved in consuming alcohol or drugs in connection with the operation of a motor vehicle
- 7. The rights and duties of a motorist as they pertain to pedestrians and the rights and duties of pedestrians as they pertain to traffic laws and traffic safety

# **Certification of College Preparatory Courses**

The Superintendent or designee shall identify district courses that may qualify for designation as "a-g" college preparatory courses, including courses in history-social science, English, mathematics, laboratory science, languages other than English, visual and performing arts, career technical education, and college preparatory electives. The Superintendent or designee shall submit any necessary information regarding each identified course to the University of California (UC) for "a-g" designation.

# Notification and Information to Students in Grades 9-12

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 course requirements for admission to UC and the California State University (CSU)
- 2. A list of the current UC and 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 CDE web site 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

The Superintendent or designee shall provide information to students and parents/guardians regarding the completion and submission of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and/or the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) at least once before grade 12. (Education Code 51225.8)

Financial Aid Requirements for Students in Grade 12

Commencing in the 2022-23 school year, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each student in grade 12 completes and submits a FAFSA to the U.S. Department of Education or, if a student is exempt from paying nonresident tuition a CADAA to the Student Aid Commission (CSAC), unless either: (Education Code 51225.7)

- 1. The student's parent/guardian, emancipated minor, or student age 18 years or older submits an opt-out form to the district
- 2. If the district determines that a student is unable to complete a requirement of Education Code 51225.7, the district shall exempt the student or the student's parent/guardian from completing the FAFSA, CADAA, or opt-out form and shall complete and submit an opt-out form on the student's behalf

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each high school student in grade 12, and if applicable, the student's parent/guardian, be directed to any support and assistance necessary to complete the FAFSA and/or CADAA that may be available through outreach programs, including, but not limited to, programs operated by CSAC, postsecondary immigration resource centers, college readiness organizations, community-based organizations, and/or legal resource organizations. (Education Code 51225.7)

Information shared by students and parents/guardians in completing and submitting the FAFSA and/or CADAA shall be handled in compliance with the federal Family Rights and Privacy Act and applicable state law, regardless of any person's immigration status or other personal information. (Education Code 51225.7)

**Policy Reference Disclaimer:** These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State References	Description
5 CCR 10020-10043	Automobile driver education and training
5 CCR 10060	Criteria for high school physical education programs
5 CCR 4940	Nondiscrimination; course access
Ed. Code 33319.3	Driver education; CDE materials on road rage
Ed. Code 33540	Standards for government and civics instruction
Ed. Code 48980	Parental notifications
Ed. Code 51202	Instruction in personal and public health and safety
Ed. Code 51203	Instruction on alcohol, narcotics and dangerous drugs
Ed. Code 51204	Course of study designed for student's needs
Ed. Code 51204.5	History of California; contributions of men, women, and ethnic groups

Ed. Code 51210-51212	Course of study for grades 1-6
Ed. Code 51220-51229	Course of study for grades 7-12
Ed. Code 51241	Temporary, two-year or permanent exemption from physical education
Ed. Code 51911-51921	Comprehensive health education
Ed. Code 51930-51939	California Healthy Youth Act
Ed. Code 51940	Curriculum for brain and spinal cord injury prevention
Ed. Code 60040-60052	Requirements for instructional materials
Ed. Code 66204	Certification of high school courses as meeting university admission criteria
H&S Code 11032	Definition of dangerous drugs
Federal References	Description
20 USC 6111-6251	School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994
Management Resources References	Description
Website	American Health Association - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/b3IxYM0IngslokJIUo8EDA==
Website	American Red Cross, Hands-Only CPR - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/yNmCLE6BTzYmNrLx5G1otA==
Website	California Career Resource Network - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/aiMKC0wlC2eTMogaBMcl9g==
Website	California State University, Admission Requirements - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/slshdgyHwGx0LyDs8Ow47K5Cg==
Website	University of California, a-g Course Submissions - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/dl7biMSP81bUfpxMPCFyyA==
Website	University of California, List of Approved a-g Courses - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/h6xuwR1faZdgmTplusZLLyXxA==
Website	California Colleges.edu - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/Br2HJI1HrO0ihhv4giogOA==
Website	California Department of Education - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/os2jq5DcA2RawmY2VZ5FZQ==
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Cross References	Description
0415	Equity - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/RWAplusJLDjWXpplusgC05iplusLDOA==
0460	Local Control And Accountability Plan - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/Oa8UxEDuhq6BH2zsd274XA==
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3270	Sale And Disposal Of Books, Equipment And Supplies - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/0XNogGb3Aq9xGo5Rc3KNhA==
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5121	Grades/Evaluation Of Student Achievement - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/uPNYjkS0sJ2NvxtkZfKztw==
5121	Grades/Evaluation Of Student Achievement - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/vO1S3m4o9FTMVzxY28HSCQ==
5131.6	Alcohol And Other Drugs - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/q4FlodhdLrslshmjWHPtc6o6A==
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