

## **ALTERNATIVE CREDITS TOWARD GRADUATION**

In order to meet individual student needs and encourage all students to complete their high school education, the Board of Trustees desires to provide flexibility in the completion of prescribed courses in accordance with law.

- (cf. [6143](#) - Courses of Study)
- (cf. [6146.1](#) - High School Graduation Requirements)
- (cf. [6146.3](#) - Reciprocity of Academic Credit)
- (cf. 6162.52 – High School Exit Examination)
- (cf. [6200](#) - Adult Education)

With the active involvement of parents/guardians, administrators, teachers and students the Board shall adopt alternative means for students to complete the prescribed course of study required for graduation. (Education Code [51225.3](#))

As an alternative to completing the course requirements for high school graduation, students may fulfill one or more of the course requirements through the following:

1. Practical demonstration of skills and competencies (Education Code [51225.3](#))
2. Supervised work experience up to 40 semester periods or other outside school experience, in accordance with Education Code [51760.3](#) and 5 CCR [1635](#) (Education Code [51225.3](#))

(cf. [6178.1](#) - Work Experience Education)

3. Career technical education classes offered in high schools (Education Code [51225.3](#))

(cf. [6178](#) - Vocational Education)

4. Courses offered by regional occupational centers or programs (Education Code [51225.3](#))
5. Interdisciplinary study (Education Code [51225.3](#))
6. Independent study (Education Code [51225.3](#))

(cf. [6158](#) - Independent Study)

7. Credit earned at a post-secondary institution (Education Code 48800, [51225.3](#))

(cf. [6172](#) - Gifted and Talented Student Program)

8. Private instruction in accordance with 5 CCR [1631](#)
9. Military service and training in accordance with 5 CCR [1634](#)
10. Correspondence instruction from a California university or college accredited for teacher training in accordance with 5 CCR [1633](#)

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11. To satisfy the District's driver education and training requirement, a program approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles that offers driver education and behind-the-wheel instruction through a driving school or licensed independent driving instructor in accordance with Vehicle Code [12814.6](#)

(cf. [5121](#) - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

(cf. [6142.7](#) - Physical Education)

(cf. [6145.2](#) - Athletic Competition)

12. For credit toward the District's foreign language requirement, foreign language studies successfully completed in a private school in accordance with 5 CCR [1632](#)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

Upon receiving advance, written application by the student or his/her parent/guardian, the Superintendent or designee shall determine whether completion of the proposed alternative means would satisfy course requirements for graduation and what documentation shall be required, if any, to verify the student's successful completion. The Superintendent or designee shall make the final determination as to whether the student's completion of an alternative means is sufficient to satisfy the district's graduation requirements.

As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall determine the grade to be assigned to students for the completion of any of the above alternative means. When a grade is assigned by a private school, postsecondary institution, or other educational institution for completion of coursework, that same grade shall be awarded by the district provided that the Superintendent or designee has determined the alternative course to be substantially equivalent to a district course.

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of governing boards

35160.1 Broad authority of school districts

48412 Certificate of proficiency

48645.5 Course credit, juvenile court schools

48800-48802 Attendance at community college; advanced education

51220 Areas of study; grades 7-12

51225.3 Requirements for graduation

51240-51246 Exemptions from requirements

51420-51427 General Educational Development test

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51440 Veterans' education, evaluation and credit toward high school graduation

51740-51741 Authority to provide instruction by correspondence

51745-51749.3 Independent study

51760-51769.5 Work experience education

52300-52499.66 Career technical education

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### VEHICLE CODE

12814.6 Teen driver's act

### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

1600-1635 Alternative credit

10070-10075 Work experience education

11500-11508 Regional occupational centers and programs

11520-11523 Proficiency examination and certificate

11700-11703 Independent study

### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

2301-2414 Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006

### Management Resources:

#### WEB SITES

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

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