

COURSES OF STUDY

The Governing Board recognizes that a well-aligned 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 the workplace.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(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. The sequence of courses shall be designed to ensure that each course provides adequate preparation for the next course in the sequence, avoids significant duplication of content, and allows for reinforcement and progression in the subject matter.

Elementary Grades

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

(cf. 6146.5 - Elementary/Middle School Graduation Requirements)

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, to meet the requirements and prerequisites for admission to California public colleges and universities and to attain entry-level employment skills in business or industry. (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 students in grades 9-12 shall include instruction in skills and knowledge for adult life, career technical training, and a timely opportunity for all otherwise qualified students to enroll, within four years before graduation, in each course necessary to fulfill the requirements and prerequisites for admission to California public colleges and universities. (Education Code 51224, 51228)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a process by which courses that meet college admission criteria (referred to as "a-g" course requirements) are submitted to the University of California for review and certification. He/she 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 each student in grades 9-12, and shall make updated lists readily available. (Education Code 51229, 66204)

COURSES OF STUDY (continued)

The Board shall adopt districtwide courses of study for all schools within the Poway Unified School District.

In accordance with established Board policies, the educational program shall be developed by the professional staff who shall report to the Board and the community on a regular basis.

The courses of study for elementary and middle schools will be evaluated and developed on an ongoing basis. Current California State Department of Education frameworks and model curriculum guides will be used in this process. These may be supplemented by locally identified academic standards and specific knowledge, skills, and attitudes to be taught in each subject area. District staff will recommend additional content whenever it is educationally desirable.

Appropriate programs of study shall be maintained at the high school level which are designed to prepare students for admission to community colleges, colleges, or universities; or for further training in business, technical, or other special schools; or for entry-level employment in business, industry, or the military. Programs of study shall utilize current California State Department of Education frameworks and the model curriculum standards for high schools.

The course of study for all students in special education classes shall follow the course of study for the equivalent grade, as nearly as possible, with allowance made to provide a prescriptive learning environment appropriate to the physical and emotional need of the student assigned to the class, as indicated on the student's individualized education program (IEP).

The school district shall cooperate with and, utilize when desirable, the resources of the County Department of Education, State Department of Education, and institutions of higher learning in order to improve the local programs of education.

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 *Social science instruction; history of California; contributions of various groups*
51210-51212 *Course of study for grades 1-6*
51220-51229 *Course of study for grades 7-12*
51241 *Exemption from physical education*
51911-51921 *Comprehensive health education*
51930-51939 *Comprehensive sexual health and HIV/AIDS prevention instruction*
51940 *Curriculum for brain and spinal cord injury prevention*
60040-60052 *Requirements for instructional materials*
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>

California State University, Admission Requirements: http://www.csumentor.edu/planning/high_school

University of California, a-g Course Submissions: http://www.ucop.edu/a-gGuide/ag/course_submissions

University of California, List of Approved a-g

Courses: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/freshman/requirements>