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## ALTERNATIVE CREDITS TOWARD GRADUATION

Alternative modes specified by the district for completing the prescribed course of study shall be made available to students, parents/guardians and the public.

### WORK EXPERIENCE EDUCATION

Students shall be granted up to 40 semester periods of credit for work experience education under one or more of the following combinations:

1. For Exploratory Work Experience/Internship education, students may earn a maximum of 20 credits within 4 semesters.
2. For Work Experience education, students may earn a maximum of 40 credits within 8 semesters.

### CONCURRENT OFF CAMPUS COURSEWORK

- No student may begin to acquire high school credits until the day after the completion of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Middle School students may not place off campus classes on their SDUHSD transcript.
- No more than 30 credits from the combined areas of college courses, private instruction, or adult school may be transferred onto the high school transcript.
- Students must be enrolled at a SDUHSD high school while attending an off campus class in order to receive credit on a SDUHSD transcript.

### COLLEGE COURSES

The district shall grant credit toward high school graduation for concurrent coursework successfully completed at a community college or state college only under the following conditions:

1. An SDUHSD "Off-Campus Course Permission Request Form" must be signed by the student, parent or guardian, and counselor and submitted prior to a student enrolling in the off-campus college course.
2. The class subject is included in the district's course of study.
3. The student shall receive the same letter grade for the high school credit as is granted by the college. College courses do not receive weighted grades on SDUHD transcripts.
4. A single (3 or more unit) college course is equal to a 5-credit high school course on a SDUHSD transcript. Some college courses may be eligible for 10 credits on the SDUHSD transcript. The Superintendent or designee must pre-approve 10-credit college courses.
5. Once off campus credits are placed on a transcript, they may not be removed.

### PRIVATE INSTRUCTION

A student shall receive credit toward high school graduation for private instruction only under the following conditions:

1. The institution has been WASC (or regional equivalent) accredited and/or UC approved.
2. The subject is included in the district's course of study.

3. An "Off-Campus Course Permission Request Form" must be signed by the student, parent/guardian, counselor and registrar prior to a student enrolling in the private instruction off-campus course.
4. The student shall receive the same letter grade for the high school credit as is granted by the private instruction school. No weighted or "honors" credit will be granted with the exception of Honors Pre-Calculus and all College Board Advanced Placement Courses.
5. Upon completion of the course, the student must submit an official, written transcript as evidence from the off-campus school showing that the student successfully completed the course.
6. Once off campus credits are placed on a transcript, they may not be removed.

### **LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH INSTRUCTION**

The district shall grant credit for foreign language courses successfully completed in a private school, provided that all of the following conditions are met. These private foreign language courses do not count as part of the 30-credit off-campus limit.

1. The courses are in languages designated in Education Code 51244 or State Board of Education regulations.
2. 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 written evidence from the private school showing that the student successfully completed the course.
3. The amount of credit sought equals at least one semester's work.
4. 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.

### **CALIFORNIA STANDARDIZED TESTS (SUNSET HIGH SCHOOL ONLY)**

Students may earn credit for scoring "Standard Met" or better on the Smarter Balanced Assessments Consortium (SBAC) for English language arts (ELA) and Mathematics as part of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress in grade 11. Students will earn FIVE credits for each subject area test passed with a score of "Standard Met" or better. Elective credit for the subject will be given on a pass/fail basis. Credits earned by demonstrating proficiency on the SBAC subject area tests will not be college preparatory credits. Students may not apply credits earned from SBAC proficiency toward specific subject area classes that are mandatory requirements for graduation. Credit may only be earned from subject area tests taken during enrollment at Sunset High School. Credits earned while enrolled at Sunset High School from the demonstration of proficiency on the tests will be transferable to other district high schools. Additional tests added to the SBAC program in the future will follow the same protocol for credit accumulation.