

San Dieguito Union High School District

Alternative Credits Toward Graduation

AR 6146.11

Instruction

WORK EXPERIENCE EDUCATION

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

- a) By enrolling in the district Exploratory Work Experience/Internship education course, students may earn a maximum of 20 credits, within 4 semesters.
- b) By enrolling in the district Work Experience education course, students may earn a maximum of 40 credits within 8 semesters.

SDUHSD shall post concurrent off campus coursework to the district transcript and grant credit toward high school graduation for coursework successfully completed at public or private institutions only in compliance with the following regulations:

- No student may begin to acquire high school credits until after the completion of 8th grade. Middle school students may not place off campus classes on the SDUHSD transcript.
- Students must be enrolled at a SDUHSD high school while attending an approved off campus class in order to receive credit on a SDUHSD transcript.
- No more than 30 credits from the combined areas of concurrent off campus college courses, private instruction, adult or public school courses may be added to the SDUHSD high school transcript.
- The off campus course must be taken at an institution that is **fully** accredited by WASC or equivalent regional accrediting body, offers coursework leading to a high school diploma and issues grades and credits on transcripts. **Courses taken through providers that are accredited as Supplementary Education will not be accepted for credit.**
- Only courses with the same course title and curriculum content as shown by a course description from the off campus institution will count as repeats of courses taken in SDUHSD high schools for GPA calculation. All earned grades remain on the SDUHSD transcript.
- A SDUHSD Off-Campus Course Permission Request Form (E6146.11) with a course description and evidence of accreditation attached must be signed by the parent/guardian/Educational rights holder and counselor and submitted in advance of a student enrolling in the off-campus course. A course description and evidence of school accreditation and/or the school's current UC a-g list must be attached to the form.
- The student shall receive the same letter grade for the high school credit as is granted by the college, public or private institution.
- College courses and private or public school honors courses do not receive weighted credit on SDUHSD transcripts with the exception of College Board Advanced Placement or

International Baccalaureate courses that are weighted by the University of California for the year taken. AP courses must be on the outside school's College Board AP Course Audit ledger for the year taken in order to be placed on the transcript.

- Off campus math courses may not be used to accelerate from college prep to SDUHSD honors level math courses unless they are taken in combination with a SDUHSD Bridge course.
- Upon completion, a student must submit an official transcript that includes the grade issued and credits earned for it to be posted. Once off campus credits are posted to a transcript, they may not be removed.

OFF CAMPUS COLLEGE COURSES

The district shall grant credit toward high school graduation for concurrent coursework successfully completed at a fully accredit community college or state college only as follows:

1. The class subject must be one that is included in the district's prescribed course of study.
2. A single (3 or more unit) college course is equal to a 5 credit semester 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
3. The student shall receive the same course title and letter grade for the high school credit as is granted by the college. College courses do not receive weighted grades on SDUHSD transcripts.
4. Once off campus credits are posted to the transcript, they may not be removed.

CONCURRENT OFF CAMPUS PRIVATE INSTRUCTION

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

1. The institution has been fully (not Supplementary) accredited by WASC or regional equivalent and/or UC approved.
2. The class subject must be one that is included in the district's prescribed course of study.
3. The student shall receive the same course title, letter grade and credit for the high school credit as is granted by the private school.

LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH INSTRUCTION

The district shall grant credit for language other than English courses successfully completed in a private school and shall apply the credit toward meeting elective requirements prescribed for grades 9-12, only provided that all of the following conditions are met:

1. The courses are in languages designated in Education Code 51244 or State Board of Education Regulations.

2. The student is regularly enrolled or applying to the district in grades 9-12.
3. The school is fully (not Supplementary) accredited by WASC or regional equivalent and/or UC approved, or on the SDUHSD approved list of unaccredited language programs for the school year the course is taken.
4. The amount of credit sought equals at least one semester's work. To receive college preparatory elective course credit, the language school must be WASC accredited and/or be UC approved. Non-accredited courses in languages other than English will be awarded non-college preparatory elective credit on the SDUHSD transcript only. Private language other than English courses that are not offered by SDUHSD do not count as part of the 30 credit off campus credit limit.
5. 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. This determination shall be based on the private school's report of final grade.

CALIFORNIA STANDARDIZED TESTS (SUNSET HIGH SCHOOL ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION 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.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 35160 Authority of governing boards
- 35160.1 Broad authority of school districts
- 48412 Certificate of proficiency
- 48645.5 Enrollment of former juvenile court school students
- 48800-48802 Attendance at community college
- 51220 Areas of study; grades 7-12
- 51225.3 Graduation requirements; courses that satisfy college entrance criteria
- 51240-51246 Exemptions from requirements
- 51420-51427 High school equivalency certificates
- 51440 Retroactive high school diplomas

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

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 Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act

Management Resources:

WEB SITE

Website [AASA The School Superintendents Association](#)

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