

San Dieguito Union High School District

Alternative Credits Toward Graduation

BP 6146.11

Instruction

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

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 high school graduation. These alternative means shall be made available to students, parents/guardians, and the public.

Students may fulfill any course requirement for graduation through the following:

1. Enrolled in supervised work experience, internship or other outside school experience in accordance with Education Code 51760.3 and 5 CCR 1635
2. Career technical education classes offered in fully accredited high schools
3. Courses offered by regional occupational centers or programs
4. Independent study program coursework
5. Credit earned at a fully accredited postsecondary institution
6. Private instruction in accordance with 5 CCR 1631
7. For credit toward the district's physical education requirement, participation in district interscholastic athletic programs carried on wholly or partially after regular school hours. Students in grades 10-12 who have passed the CA Physical Fitness Test and required state health competency and enroll in the district PE Credit for Athletics course by the established deadline may earn up to four semesters (20 credits maximum) of Physical Education credit toward the high school graduation requirement by successful participation in regular school-sponsored interscholastic athletics carried on after regular school hours.
8. For credit toward the district's elective requirement, approved world language studies successfully completed in a private school in accordance with 5 CCR 1632
9. At 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.

Upon receiving advance, written application, via the SDUHSD Off-Campus Course Permission Form, 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.

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.

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

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

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 SITES

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

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