

ALTERNATIVE CREDITS TOWARD GRADUATION

In order to meet individual student needs 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.

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

1. Supervised work experience or other outside school experience up to 40 semester credits in accordance with Education Code 51760.3 and 5 CCR 1635 .
2. Career technical education classes offered in high schools.
3. Courses offered by regional occupational centers or programs.
4. Independent study coursework.
5. Credit earned at a postsecondary institution.
6. Private instruction.
7. Correspondence instruction from a California university or college accredited for teacher training.
8. Students in grades 10-12 may earn up to four semesters (20 credits maximum) of Physical Education credit by successful participation in regular school-sponsored interscholastic athletics carried on after regular school hours.
9. For credit toward the district's foreign language requirement, foreign language studies successfully completed in a private school in accordance with 5 CCR 1632.
10. *(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.

Legal Reference:**EDUCATION CODE**

35160	Authority of governing boards
35160.1	Broad authority of school districts
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

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

WEBSITES

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