

## **INSTRUCTION**

### **SUBJECT: Alternative Credits Toward Graduation**

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

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6146.3 - Reciprocity of Academic Credit)

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

1. Practical demonstration of skills and competencies (Education Code 51225.3)
2. Supervised work experience up to 40 semester periods in accordance with 5 CCR 1635, or other outside school experience (Education Code 51225.3)

(cf. 6178.1 - Work Experience Education)

3. Vocational education classes offered in high schools
4. Courses offered by regional occupational centers or programs
5. Interdisciplinary study
6. Independent study

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

7. Credit earned at a postsecondary institution (Education Code 48800, 51225.3)
8. Private instruction in accordance with 5 CCR 1631
9. Military service and training in accordance with 5 CCR 1634
10. Correspondence instruction from a California university or college accredited for teacher training in accordance with 5 CCR 1633 (Education Code 51740-51741)

The County Office of Education shall accept for credit any coursework satisfactorily completed by students while detained in a juvenile court school or county or state-operated institution. Students who successfully complete district graduation requirements while so

detained shall receive a diploma from the school they last attended. (Education Code 48645.5)

Students may receive physical education credit for participation in interscholastic athletic programs carried on wholly or partially after regular school hours when such participation entails a comparable amount of time and physical activity.

Students using interscholastic athletics participation to fulfill physical education requirements may be graded on this participation, provided that a teacher credentialed to teach physical education supervises this participation and assigns the grade.

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

The Superintendent or designee shall determine whether a student has satisfactorily met course requirements through any of the above alternative means.

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

51440 Veterans' education, evaluation and credit toward high school graduation

51740-51741 Authority to provide instruction by correspondence

VEHICLE CODE

12814.6 Teen driver's act

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

1600-1635 Alternative credit

Management Resources:

CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES

0418.89 Physical Education, April 18, 1989

0615.89 Granting credit for passing GED, SPB:88/89-11

WEB SITES

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>