

Policy 6143: Courses Of Study

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The Governing Board recognizes that a well-aligned sequence of courses fosters academic growth and provides for the best possible use of instructional time. The district's course of study shall provide students with opportunities to attain the skills, knowledge, and abilities they need to be successful academically, professionally, and personally.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish processes for ensuring the articulation of courses across grade levels within the district. As necessary, the Superintendent or designee shall work with representatives of appropriate area districts and postsecondary institutions to ensure articulation of courses with other institutions to which district students may matriculate. The sequence of courses shall be designed to ensure that each course provides adequate preparation for the next course in the sequence, only utilizes prerequisites that are essential to success in a given program or course, avoids significant duplication of content, and allows for reinforcement and progression in the subject matter.

The district shall not provide any course separately or require or refuse participation by any student on the basis of the student's actual **race or ethnicity; ancestry; color; ethnic group identification; nationality; national origin; immigration status**; sex; sexual orientation; **sex stereotypes**; gender; **gender identity**; gender expression; religion; disability; medical condition; genetic information; **pregnancy, false pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or related conditions or recovery**; and **parental, marital, and family status; a perception of one or more of such characteristics; a combination of two or more of such characteristics or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics or a combination of two or more of them**. (Education Code 200, 210.1, 210.2, 212, 212.1, 220, 221.51, 230, 260; Government Code 11135, 12926; Penal Code 422.55; 5 CCR 4940; 20 USC 1681-1688, 42 USC 2000d-2000d-7)

Elementary Grades

The Board shall adopt a course of study for elementary grades that **includes all required instructional content and** sufficiently prepares students for the secondary course of study specified in Education **Code 51225.3**.

Secondary Grades

The district shall offer all otherwise qualified students in grades 7-12 a course of study that **includes all required instructional content and** prepares them, upon graduation from high school, to meet the requirements and prerequisites for admission to California public colleges and universities and to attain entry-level employment skills in business or industry. The district's course of study may provide for a rigorous academic curriculum that integrates academic and career skills, includes applied learning across all disciplines, and prepares all students for high school graduation and career entry. (Education Code 51228)

Additionally, the course of study for students in grades 9-12 shall include instruction in skills and knowledge for adult life, career technical training, and a timely opportunity for all otherwise qualified students to enroll, within four years, in each course necessary to fulfill the requirements and prerequisites for admission to California public colleges and universities prior to graduation. (Education Code 51224, 51228)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a process by which courses that meet California college admission criteria (referred to as "A-G" course requirements) are submitted to the University of California for review and certification. The Superintendent or designee shall maintain an accurate list of all current high school courses that have been so certified, ensure that the list is provided annually to all students in grades 9-12 and their parents/guardians, and make updated lists readily available. (Education Code 51229, 66204)

Parental Notification and Opt-Out

When required by law, Board policy, or administrative regulation, the district shall notify parents/guardians that they may request to opt their student out of certain instruction. Students for whom the district has approved the opt-out shall be offered an alternative activity of similar educational value.

Policy Reference Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the Governing Board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State	Description
5 CCR 10020	Automobile driver education
5 CCR 10040-10043	Automobile driver training
5 CCR 10060	Criteria for high school physical education programs
5 CCR 430-438	Individual student records
5 CCR 4940	Nondiscrimination; course access
Ed. Code 200	Prohibition of discrimination
Ed. Code 33319.3	Driver education; CDE materials on road rage
Ed. Code 33540	Standards for government and civics instruction
Ed. Code 33540.2	Model curriculum related to Vietnamese American refugee experience
Ed. Code 33540.4	Model curriculum related to Cambodian American history and heritage
Ed. Code 33547.5	Mathematics curriculum framework; Algebra I or Mathematics offered to students in grade 8
Ed. Code 33548	Media literacy and artificial intelligence literacy curriculum frameworks
Ed. Code 48980	Parent/Guardian notifications
Ed. Code 49060-49079	Student records
Ed. Code 49110.5	Workplace readiness week
Ed. Code 51202	Instruction in personal and public health and safety
Ed. Code 51203	Instruction on alcohol, narcotics and dangerous drugs
Ed. Code 51204	Course of study designed for student's needs
Ed. Code 51204.5	History of California; contributions of specified groups
Ed. Code 51210	Course of study for grades 1-6
Ed. Code 51220	Course of study for grades 7-12
Ed. Code 51221.1	California Teachers Collaborative for Holocaust and Genocide Education
Ed. Code 51221.2	Holocaust and genocide education; notice, survey, and grant program
Ed. Code 51225.3	High school graduation requirements
Ed. Code 51225.38	Health education; fentanyl instruction
Ed. Code 51225.7-51225.8	Completion and submission of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and California Dream Act Application
Ed. Code 51226.3	Instruction on civil rights, human rights violations, genocide, slavery, and the Holocaust
Ed. Code 51226.7	Model curriculum in ethnic studies
Ed. Code 51226.8	Personal finance course; curriculum guide and resources
Ed. Code 51229	Notifications related to college admissions and career technical education
Ed. Code 51241	Temporary two-year or permanent exemption from physical education
Ed. Code 51501	Nondiscriminatory subject matter
Ed. Code 51911-51921	Comprehensive health education
Ed. Code 51925-51929	Mandatory mental health education and in-service training
Ed. Code 51930-51939	California Healthy Youth Act
Ed. Code 51940	Curriculum for brain and spinal cord injury prevention
Ed. Code 60040-60052	Requirements for instructional materials
Ed. Code 60900-60901	California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System

State

Ed. Code 66204

Ed. Code 69560-69566

Gov. Code 11135

Gov. Code 12900-12996

Gov. Code 17581.6

Gov. Code 7282-7282.5

Gov. Code 7283-7283.2

Gov. Code 7284-7284.12

H&S Code 11032

Pen. Code 422.55

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[Certification of high school courses as meeting university admission criteria](#)

California Student Opportunity and Access Program

[Prohibition of discrimination](#)

[Fair Employment and Housing Act](#)

Reimbursement of state mandates; block grants

[Standards for responding to U.S. Immigration and Customs enforcement holds](#)

[Standards for participation in U.S. Immigration and Customs enforcement programs](#)

[Cooperation with immigration authorities](#)

[Definition of dangerous drugs](#)

[Definition of hate crime](#)

Federal

20 USC 1232g

20 USC 1681-1688

34 CFR 99.1-99.67

42 USC 2000d-2000d-7

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[Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\) of 1974](#)

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; discrimination based on sex

[Family Educational Rights and Privacy](#)

Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964

Management Resources

California Attorney General Publication

California Department of Education Publication

Court Decision

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CSBA Publication

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[Guidance to School Officials re: Legal Requirements for Providing Inclusive Curricula and Books](#)

[Education Code 51925: Mental Health Instruction Expansion Education Plan, rev. March 2024](#)

Mahmoud v. Taylor (2025) 606 U.S. ____ (2025 WL 1773627)

Westminster School District of Orange County v. Mendez (1947) 161 F.2d 774

[Fact Sheet: Instructional Materials Adoption: Local governing board responsibilities, February 2024](#)

[Instructional Materials Adoptions: State and local governing board processes, roles, and responsibilities, February 2024](#)

[California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program](#)

[California College Guidance Initiative](#)

[California Student Opportunity and Access Program](#)

[Instructional Quality Commission](#)

[American Red Cross, Hands-Only CPR Training](#)

[CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services](#)

[Federal Student Aid](#)

[American Heart Association](#)

[California Student Aid Commission](#)

[University of California, A-G Course Submissions](#)

[University of California, List of Approved A-G Courses](#)

[California State University, Admission Requirements](#)

Management Resources

Website	California Career Resource Network
Website	Department of Justice
Website	California Colleges.edu
Website	California Department of Education
Website	CSBA
Website	U.S. Department of Education

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0410	Nondiscrimination In District Programs And Activities
0460	Local Control And Accountability Plan
1312.2	Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials
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1312.2-E PDF(1)	Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials - Citizen's Request For Reconsideration Of Instructional Materials
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1445	Response To Immigration Enforcement
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3513.3	Tobacco-Free Schools
3513.3	Tobacco-Free Schools
5022	Student And Family Privacy Rights
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5121	Grades/Evaluation Of Student Achievement
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5126	Awards For Achievement
5131.6	Alcohol And Other Drugs
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5141.4	Child Abuse Prevention And Reporting
5141.4	Child Abuse Prevention And Reporting
5145.3	Nondiscrimination/Harassment
5145.3	Nondiscrimination/Harassment
5145.6	Parent/Guardian Notifications
5145.6-E PDF(1)	Parent/Guardian Notifications
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5145.7	Sexual Harassment
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