

Santa Barbara Unified School District

Board Policy

BP 6146.11

Instruction

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.

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)
(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)
(cf. 6146.3 - Reciprocity of Academic Credit)
(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

The Board shall actively involve parents/guardians, administrators, teachers, and students in helping the district develop alternative means for students to complete the prescribed course of study required for graduation. (Education Code 51225.3)

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

1. Practical demonstration of skills and competencies (Education Code 51225.3)

(cf. 6155 - Challenging Courses by Examinations)

2. Supervised work experience or other outside school experience in accordance with Education Code 51760.3 and 5 CCR 1635 (Education Code 51225.3)

(cf. 6178.1 - Work Experience Education)

3. Career technical education classes offered in high schools (Education Code 51225.3)

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

4. Courses offered by regional occupational centers or programs (Education Code 51225.3)

5. Interdisciplinary study (Education Code 51225.3)

6. Independent study (Education Code 51225.3)

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

7. Credit earned at a postsecondary institution (Education Code 48800, 51225.3)

(cf. 6172 - Gifted and Talented Student Program)

8. Private instruction in accordance with 5 CCR 1631

9. Military service and training in accordance with 5 CCR 1634 (Education Code 51440)
10. Correspondence instruction from a California university or college accredited for teacher training in accordance with 5 CCR 1633 (Education Code 51740-51741)
11. For credit toward the district's physical education requirement, participation in district interscholastic athletic programs carried on wholly or partially after regular school hours when such participation entails a comparable amount of time and physical activity (Education Code 51242)

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

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

12. For credit toward the district's foreign language requirement, foreign language studies successfully completed in a private school in accordance with 5 CCR 1632 (Education Code 51243)

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
 51241-51246 Exemptions from requirements
 51440 Veterans' education, evaluation and credit toward high school graduation
 51740-51741 Authority to provide instruction by correspondence
 51760-51769.5 Work experience education

VEHICLE CODE

12814.6 Teen driver's act

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

1600-1635 Alternative credit

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

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

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