

## Policy 6143: Courses Of Study

The ~~Board of Education~~ **Governing Board** recognizes that a well-articulated **aligned** sequence of courses fosters academic **progress** **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 ~~in high school and beyond~~ **academically, professionally, and personally.**

The Superintendent or designee shall establish processes for ensuring the articulation of courses across grade levels within the district ~~and, as necessary.~~ **As necessary, the Superintendent or designee** shall work with representatives of appropriate area districts **and postsecondary institutions** to ensure articulation of courses ~~between elementary and secondary schools~~ **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 ~~school~~ course of study: **specified in Education Code 51225.3.**

### Secondary Grades

The district shall offer all otherwise qualified students in ~~secondary grades~~ **grades 7-8** **12** a course of study that, ~~upon promotion from 8th grade, prepares them to meet the requirements and~~

~~prerequisites for taking A-G required courses in local high schools. (Education Code 51228)~~  
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.