

Fresno Unified Board Policy (BP) 6143

Courses Of Study

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.

(cf. 6011-Academic Standards)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

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 or perceived sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender expression, gender identity, ethnic group identification, immigration status, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, mental or physical disability, age, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, or any other characteristic listed in Education Code 200 and 220, Government Code 11135, or Penal Code 422.55, or the student's association with a person or group with one or more of such actual or perceived characteristics. (Education Code 200, 220; Government Code 11135; Penal Code 422.55; 5 CCR 4940)

Elementary Grades

The Board shall adopt a course of study for elementary grades that sufficiently prepares students for the secondary course of study.

Secondary Grades

The district shall offer all otherwise qualified students in grades 7-12 a course of study that 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 all disciplines, and prepares all students for high school graduation and career entry. (Education Code 51228)

(cf. 5121 Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

(cf. 6141.5 Advanced Placement)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

In addition, 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, shall ensure that the list is provided annually to all student in grades 9-12, and their parents/guardians, and shall make updated lists readily available. (Education Code 51229, 66204)

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

(cf. 6141.5 - Advanced Placement)

Legal References:

EDUCATION CODE

200 Equal rights and opportunities in state educational institutions
220 Prohibition of discrimination
234.1 Student protections relating to discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying
234.7 Student protections relating to immigration and citizenship status
242 Access to information about educational laws and policies regarding right to accurate and inclusive curriculum
33319.3 Driver education; CDE materials on road rage
33540 Standards for Government and civics instruction
48980 Parent/Guardian notifications
49060-49079 Student records
51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety
51203 Instruction on alcohol, narcotics and dangerous drugs
51204 Course of study designed for student's needs
51204.5 History of California; contributions of specified groups
51210 Courses of study for grades 1-6
51220 Course of study for grades 7-12
51225.3 High school graduation requirements
51226.7 Model curriculum in ethnic studies
51241 Temporary two-year or permanent exemption from physical education
51501 Nondiscriminatory subject matter
51911-51921 Comprehensive health education
51925-51929 Mandatory mental health education and in-service training
51930-51939 California Healthy Youth Act
51940 Curriculum for brain and spinal cord injury prevention
60040-60052 Requirements for instructional materials
66204 Certification of high school courses as meeting university admission criteria

GOVERNMENT CODE

11135 Prohibition of discrimination
7282-7282.5 Standards for responding to U.S. Immigration and Customs enforcement holds
7283-7283.2 Standards for participation in U.S. Immigration and Customs enforcement programs
7284-7284.12 Cooperation with immigration authorities

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

11032 Definitions of dangerous drugs

PENAL CODE

422.55 Definition of hate crime

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

99.1-99.67 Family Educational Rights and Privacy

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

430-438 Individual student records

4940 Nondiscrimination; course access

10020 Automobile driver education

10040-10043 Automobile driver training

10060 Criteria for high school physical education program

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974

Management Resources References:

U.S. DOE, Office for Civil Rights Publication Dear Colleague Letter: Race and School Programming, August 2023

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