

# CVUSD

## 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. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)  
(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

With the active involvement of parents/guardians, administrators, teachers, and students, the Board shall adopt alternative means for students to complete the prescribed course of study required for high school graduation. These alternative means shall be made available to students, parents/guardians, and the public. (Education Code 51225.3)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)  
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

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. 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)
2. Career technical education classes offered in high school (Education Code 51225.3) (cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)
3. Courses offered by regional occupational centers or programs (Education Code 51225.3) (cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)
4. Interdisciplinary study (Education Code 51225.3)
5. Independent study (Education Code 51225.3) (cf. 6158 - Independent Study)
6. Credit earned at a postsecondary institution (Education Code 48800, 51225.3) (cf. 6172.1 - Concurrent Enrollment in College Classes)

The Board supports advanced learning opportunities for high school students by offering the

opportunity to be concurrently enrolled in high school and college classes. The Board authorizes district and school administration to approve dual enrollment, allowing students, under certain circumstances, to earn up to 40 high school credits for the completion of college coursework. (cf. 6146.12 – Concurrent Enrollment/Dual Credit)

7. Private instruction in accordance with 5 CCR 1631
8. Military service and training in accordance with 5 CCR 1634 (Education Code 51440)
9. Correspondence instruction *or* online/distance learning from an accredited university or college while enrolled full time at a traditional high school. 5 CCR 1633 (Education Code 51740-51741)

The Board recognizes that online learning can provide a useful alternative to traditional classroom instruction. The Board supports online learning options, from accredited universities and colleges, when the principal, or designee, determines that the instruction meets the student's needs. Course(s) taken must also be approved by the accredited university, college, or University of California approved online provider to be accepted for high school graduation credit. The Board authorizes district and school administration to allow students to earn up to 40 high school credits through online learning while enrolled full time at a comprehensive high school.

(cf. 6146.12 Concurrent Enrollment/Dual Credit)

10. The Board recognizes that participation in district interscholastic athletic programs, when such participation entails a comparable amount of time and physical activity, merits credit toward the district's physical education requirement. (Education Code 51242)

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

(cf. 6142.7 – Physical Education)

(cf. 6145.2 – Athletic Competition)

11. Private School Foreign Language Instruction. (Education Code 51243-51245; 5 CCR 1632)

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

48412 Certificate of proficiency

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  
51420-51427 General Educational Development test  
51440 Veterans' education, evaluation and credit toward high school graduation  
51740-51741 Authority to provide instruction by correspondence  
51745-51749.3 Independent study  
51760-51769.5 Work experience education  
52300-52499.66 Career technical education  
VEHICLE CODE  
12814.6 Teen driver's act  
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5  
1600-1635 Alternative credit  
10070-10075 Work experience education  
11500-11508 Regional occupational centers and programs  
11520-11523 Proficiency examination and certificate  
11700-11703 Independent study  
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20  
2301-2414 Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

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

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