

PIEDMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Policy

Alternative Credits Toward Graduation

BP 6146.11

Instruction

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)
(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)

Students may fulfill any course requirement for graduation 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 Based Learning)
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. Independent study (Education Code 51225.3)
(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)
5. Credit earned at a postsecondary institution (Education Code 48800, 51225.3)

(cf. 6172.1 - Concurrent Enrollment in College Classes)

6. For credit toward the district's physical education requirement, participation in district interscholastic athletic programs carried on wholly or partially after regular school hours (Education Code 51242)

A student shall be eligible to satisfy graduation requirements in this manner only if the interscholastic program entails a comparable amount of time and physical activity.

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

The Governing Board of Education may, with the consent of the pupil, if the pupil has passed the physical performance test administered in the 9th grade pursuant to Section 60800, grant the pupil exemption from courses in physical education for two years any time during grades 10 to 12, inclusive.

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall determine the grade to be assigned to students for the completion of any of the above alternative means. When a grade is assigned by a postsecondary institution or other educational institution for completion of coursework, that same grade shall be awarded by the district provided that the Superintendent or designee has determined the alternative course to be substantially equivalent to a district course.

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

~~7. Concurrent Enrollment in an Outside Accredited School~~

~~A student who is regularly enrolled and in attendance at a high school shall receive credit toward high school graduation for studies successfully completed at an outside accredited school if the instruction entails fields and subjects included in the high school's courses of study and curricula.~~

~~The student must be enrolled in a minimum of five (5) classes in the district.~~

~~An "accredited" school is one that has received accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) or other statewide or regional commissions or, in the case of a school outside California, by the equivalent governmental or other regional accrediting agency in that jurisdiction.~~

~~The principal or designee shall be responsible for determining which of the student's credits are equivalent to district requirements. Guidelines for determining~~

~~equivalency shall be developed by representative certificated staff familiar with the district's academic standards and graduation requirements.~~

~~Approved courses taken at an outside accredited school will be listed on the transcript and identified as having been taken at the outside accredited school.~~

~~Approval of Enrollment at Outside Accredited School~~

~~The Principal or designee may approve high school students to apply for part-time enrollment in an accredited outside school when it is determined to be in the student's best interest and the student is adequately prepared for such coursework.~~

~~Upon recommendation of the principal and with parent/guardian consent, the Board may authorize a student to attend a community college or four-year college during any session or term as a special part-time student and to undertake one or more courses of instruction offered at the outside accredited school.~~

~~If the Principal denies a request for special part-time enrollment at an outside accredited school, the Principal shall issue a written recommendation and the reasons for the denial at least 30 days, but within 60 days, after the request has been submitted.~~

~~If denied, the parent/guardian may appeal to the Superintendent within 10 days of receiving the denial letter. The Superintendent will issue a decision within 5 school days. The Superintendent's decision is final.~~

7. Taking Courses at an Outside Accredited School

Students are highly encouraged to pursue their educational interests which may include taking courses at an outside accredited school.

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Courses taken at community colleges may be added to the high school transcript. Concurrent or dual enrollment in college courses that are equivalent to a high school-level course will not earn the additional extra grade point. (Education Code 48800, 51225.3)

Concurrent or dual enrollment in upper division courses may receive an extra grade point as approved by the Superintendent's designee.

For students enrolled at Piedmont High School, courses taken at a fee-based or private accredited school, while enrolled at PHS, will not be added to the high school transcript.

For students enrolled at Millennium High School, courses taken at a fee-based or private accredited school, while enrolled at MHS, must be approved by the Superintendent's designee in order to be added to the high school transcript.

Legal References:

EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of Board of Educations

35160.1 Broad authority of school districts

48645.5 Course credit re juvenile court schools

48800-48802 Attendance at community college

51220 Areas of study; grades 7-12

51241 Exemption from physical education if pupil passes physical perf test

51242 Exemption from physical education for athletic program participants

51243-51245 Credit for foreign language private school studies

51740 Authority to provide instruction by correspondence

51938 Parental excuse from sexual education or HIV/AIDS prevention education

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

1630 Credit for college courses

1631 Credit for private instruction

1632 Credit for private school foreign language instruction

1633 Credit for correspondence instruction

1634 Credit to present or past member of the armed services

Management Resources:

CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES

0418.89 Physical Education, April 18, 1989

0615.89 Granting credit for passing GED, SPB:88/89-11

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