

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 Credit)

(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 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)

~~The Superintendent or designee governing board may grant physical education credit for participation in district interscholastic athletic programs when a student has been exempted from physical education classes because of this participation and when such participation entails a comparable amount of time and physical activity.~~

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)

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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