

COURSES OF STUDY

The Board of Education recognizes that a well-articulated sequence of courses fosters academic progress 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 school, college, and/or the workplace. Additionally, the district's courses of study shall provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to become socially just citizens.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish processes for ensuring the articulation of courses across grade levels within the district. As necessary, he/she also shall work with representatives of appropriate area districts and postsecondary institutions to ensure articulation 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, avoids significant duplication of content, and allows for reinforcement and progression in the subject matter. The articulation and sequence of courses is based on the California Content Standards, Frameworks and Social Justice Standards (Teaching Tolerance, 2016; adopted by SMMUSD Board of Education December 14, 2017)

Elementary Grades

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

Secondary Grades

The district shall offer all otherwise qualified students in secondary grades a course of study that, upon graduation from high school, prepares them to meet the requirements and prerequisites for admission to California public colleges and universities and/or attain entry-level employment skills in business or industry. (Education Code 51228)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all otherwise qualified students have a timely opportunity, within the four years before graduation, to enroll in each course necessary to fulfill the requirements and prerequisites for admission to California public colleges and universities prior to graduation from high school. (Education Code 51228)

In addition, the course of study for high school students shall include instruction in skills and knowledge for adult life and career technical training. (Education Code 51224)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a process by which courses are submitted to the University of California (UC) for review and certification in order to meet university admission criteria (referred to as "a-g" course requirements). He/she shall maintain an accurate list of all current district high school courses that have been so certified and shall ensure that the list is provided annually to each student in grades 9-12 and that updated lists are made readily available. (Education Code 66204)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33319.3 Driver education; CDE materials on road rage

33540 Government and civics instruction in interaction with government agencies

48980 Parental notifications

51202 *Instruction in personal and public health and safety*
 51203 *Instruction on alcohol, narcotics and restricted dangerous drugs*
 51204 *Course of study designed for student's needs*
 51204.5 *Social science instruction; history of California; contributions of various groups*
 51210-51212 *Course of study for grades 1-6*
 51220-51229 *Course of study for grades 7-12*
 51241 *Exemption from physical education*
 51911-51921 *Comprehensive health education*
 51930-51939 *Comprehensive sexual health and HIV/AIDS prevention instruction*
 51940 *Curriculum for brain and spinal cord injury prevention*
 53278-53280 *Supplemental School Counseling Program*
 60040-60052 *Requirements for instructional materials*
 66204 *Certification of high school courses as meeting university admission criteria*
 HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
 11032 *Definition of dangerous drugs*
 CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
 10020-10049 *Automobile driver education and training*
 10060 *Physical education program*
 UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
 6101-6251 *School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994*

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
 California Career Resource Network: <http://www.californiacareers.info>
 California Colleges.edu: <http://www.californiacolleges.edu>
 California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>
 California State University, Admission Requirements: http://www.csumentor.edu/planning/high_school
 University of California, a-g Course Submissions: http://www.ucop.edu/a-gGuide/ag/course_submissions
 University of California, List of Approved a-g
 Courses: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/freshman/requirements>

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