

LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Policy 6143

Instruction

Courses of Study

Elementary Schools

The Board of Education recognizes that a well-articulated sequence of courses fosters academic progress and makes the best possible use of instructional time. The Board shall adopt a course of study for elementary grades which sufficiently prepares students for the secondary school course of study required by state law. The Superintendent or designee shall inform the Board of any changes in secondary school curriculum and shall solicit ways to expand or improve students' preparation for secondary education.

Secondary Schools

The Board of Education shall adopt district-wide courses of study which respond to student needs, conform with district graduation requirements, and prepare students for higher educational opportunities. Courses of study shall also give students the opportunity to attain skills appropriate for entry-level employment in business and industry upon graduation from high school.

Representatives of secondary schools shall work with elementary school representatives to ensure smooth transitions for students between the schools.

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 required for admission to California public colleges and universities.

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.

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. 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.

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall provide written notice to parents/guardians of students in grades 9-12 that, to the extent possible, shall not exceed one page in length and that includes all of the following:

1. A brief explanation of the college admission requirements
2. A list of the current UC and California State University (CSU) web sites that help students and their families learn about college admission requirements and that list high school courses that have been certified by UC as satisfying the requirements for admission to UC and CSU
3. A brief description of what career technical education is, as defined by the California Department of Education (CDE)
4. The internet address for the portion of the web site of the CDE where students can learn more about career technical education
5. Information about how students may meet with school counselors to help them choose courses that will meet college admission requirements and/or enroll in career technical education courses

Legal References:

Education Code

33319.3 Driver education; CDE materials on road rage

33540 Government and civics instruction in interaction with government agencies

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 History of California; contributions of men, women and ethnic groups to development of state and nations

51210-51212 Areas of study for grades 1-6

51220-51228 Course of study for grades 7-12

51229 Parent notifications

51241 Exemption from physical education

51911-51921 Comprehensive health educational plans

51934 Instruction on AIDS and AIDS prevention

51940 Curriculum for brain and spinal cord injury prevention

52378-52380 Counselor meetings

66204 Certification of high school courses as meeting university admission criteria

Government Code

3543.2 Scope of representation

Health and Safety Code

11032 Definition of dangerous drugs
Code of Regulations, Title 5
10020 Driver education
10060 Physical education program

United States Code, Title20
6101-6251 School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

University of California, College Prep Online Courses and
Services: <http://www.uccp.org>

Board Policy

6146.5 - Elementary School Promotion/Standards of
Proficiency

6030 - Integration of Academic and Vocational Instruction

6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements/Standards of
Proficiency

Policy

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