



Chico Unified School District

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ALTERNATIVE CREDITS TOWARD GRADUATION

Alternative means specified by the district for completing the prescribed course of study shall be made available to students, parents/guardians, and the public. (Education Code 51225.3) The governing board, with the active involvement of parents, administrators, teachers, and pupils, shall adopt alternative means for pupils to complete the prescribed course of study which may include practical demonstration of skills and competencies, supervised work experience or other outside school experience, career technical education classes offered in high schools, courses offered by regional occupational centers or programs, interdisciplinary study, independent study, and credit earned at a postsecondary institution. Requirements for graduation and specified alternative modes of completing the prescribed course of study shall be made available to pupils, parents and the public.

Definitions

A semester period is one period of 40 to 60 minutes of instructional time per week throughout one semester of at least 17 weeks, or a minimum of 12 clock hours of instructional time provided during the academic year or in summer school. While the content to be covered is planned within these time frames, a student may be granted one semester period of credit even though the student spends less than the aforementioned amount of time in completing the necessary work. (5 CCR 1600)

Supervised Work Experience Education

The governing board of any school district offering work experience education pursuant to the authority of Section 51760 shall grant credit to pupils satisfactorily completing a work experience education program, in an amount not to exceed a total of 40 semester credits, of which no more than 10 credits may be conferred in any one semester, provided the pupil meets all of the following requirements:

1. At the time of enrollment, the pupil is at least 16 years of age. Pupils under the age of 16 years may receive credit for work experience education under the following conditions:
 - a. The pupil is enrolled in grade 11 or a higher grade.
 - b. The principal of the school in which the pupil is enrolled certifies that the pupil is in need of immediate work experience education in order to pursue employment opportunities.
 - c. The principal of the school in which the pupil is enrolled certifies that there is a probability that the pupil will no longer be enrolled as a full-time pupil without being provided the opportunity to enroll in a work experience education program.
 - d. The pupil's individualized education program adopted pursuant to the requirements of Part 30 (commencing with Section 56000), prescribes the type of training for which participation in a work experience program is deemed appropriate.
2. During the course of the pupil's enrollment in the program, the pupil receives as a minimum the equivalent of one instructional period per week of classroom instruction or counseling by a certificated employee. The instruction or counseling shall be offered in sessions scheduled intermittently throughout the semester.
3. The work experience education program meets all of the requirements of law governing these programs. (Education Code 51760.3)

A student shall be granted up to 40 semester periods of credit for work experience education of one or more of

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the following types: (Education Code 51760.3; 5 CCR 1635)

1. For exploratory work experience education, the student may earn 5 semester credits for each semester, with a maximum of 20 semester credits earned in two semesters.
2. For general work experience education, the student may earn 10 semester periods for each semester, with a maximum of 40 semester credits.
3. For vocational work experience education, the student may earn 10 semester periods for each semester, with a maximum of 40 semester periods.

To receive credit, the student must satisfy eligibility requirements and receive at least the minimum period of instruction or counseling pursuant to Education Code 51760.3.

(cf. 6178.1 - Work Experience Education)

University or College Instruction

To receive high school credit for coursework completed at a community college or four-year college, the student or parent/guardian shall submit a written request and a transcript showing successful completion of the course. The course shall be one that satisfies college entrance requirements, applies toward college-level general education requirements, or is part of a vocational or career technical education course leading to a degree or certificate. Exceptions must be approved, in advance, by the principal.

For students attending community college as special part-time students, credit shall be at a level jointly determined by the Governing Board and the community college governing board. (Education Code 48800)

(cf. 6172 - Gifted and Talented Student Program)

The district shall grant credit for university or college instruction under the following conditions: (Education Code 51740; 5 CCR 1633)

1. The instruction is provided by the University of California, or other university or college in California **accredited for teacher training**, in subjects included within or related to the student's course of study.
2. The student is, for good reason, unable to take the course of study offered in the school.
3. The Superintendent or designee determines the number of semester credits to be earned for successful completion of a particular course.
4. No more than 30 semester credits of instruction are credited to a student towards graduation.

Foreign Language Instruction

The district shall grant credit for foreign language studies successfully completed in a private school and shall apply the credit toward meeting any foreign language requirement prescribed for grades 9-12, provided that all of the following conditions are met: (Education Code 51243-51245; 5 CCR 1632)

1. The courses are in languages designated in Education Code 51244.



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2. The student is regularly enrolled or applying to the district in grades 9-12.
 3. The student or parent/guardian applies in writing for the credit, specifies the private school attended and the amount and level of credit requested, and submits a transcript or other documents from the private school showing that the student successfully completed the course.
 4. The amount of credit sought equals at least one semester's work.
 5. The principal or designee determines that the student's achievement is equivalent to that expected of a student of comparable ability taking the same or similar instruction in district schools. This determination shall be based upon the private school's report of a test developed by the private school in cooperation with the district or, if the private school is located outside the district, the principal or designee may use a test given by a public school or other evidence which he/she deems appropriate.

Dual Enrollment in another High School

Credits earned from another secondary school outside of Chico Unified School District while a student is enrolled and attending a high school in Chico Unified School District will not be counted towards graduation requirements.
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