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## **ALTERNATIVE CREDITS TOWARD GRADUATION**

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)*

The Board shall actively involve parents/guardians, administrators, teachers, and students in helping the district develop alternative means for students to complete the prescribed course of study required for graduation. (Education Code 51225.3)

As an alternative to completing the course requirements for high school graduation, students may fulfill one or more of the course requirements 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 Experience Education)*

2. Career technical education classes offered in high schools (Education Code 51225.3)

*(cf. 6178 - Vocational Education)*

3. Courses offered by regional occupational centers or programs (Education Code 51225.3)

4. Interdisciplinary study (Education Code 51225.3)

5. Independent study (Education Code 51225.3)

*(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)*

6. Credit earned at a postsecondary institution (Education Code 48800, 51225.3)

*(cf. 6172 - Gifted and Talented Student Program)*

7. Instruction from a California university or college accredited for teacher training in accordance with 5 CCR 1633 (Education Code 51740-51741)

8. To satisfy the district's driver education and training requirement, a program approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles which offers driver education and behind-the-wheel instruction through a driving school or licensed independent driving instructor in accordance with Vehicle Code 12814.6

*(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)*

9. For credit toward the district's foreign language requirement, foreign language studies successfully completed in a private school in accordance with 5 CCR 1632 (Education Code 51243)

The Superintendent or designee shall determine whether a student has satisfactorily met course requirements through any of the above alternative means.



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**Board Policy: #6146.11**

**Section: 6000 Instruction  
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*Legal Reference:*

**EDUCATION CODE**

35160 Authority of governing boards

35160.1 Broad authority of school districts

48645.5 Course credit, juvenile court schools

48800-48802 Attendance at community college; advanced education

51220 Areas of study; grades 7-12

51225.3 Requirements for graduation

51241-51246 Exemptions from requirements

51440 Veterans' education, evaluation and credit toward high school graduation

51740-51741 Authority to provide instruction by correspondence

51760-51769.5 Work experience education

**VEHICLE CODE**

12814.6 Teen driver's act

**CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5**

1600-1635 Alternative credit

*Management Resources:*

**WEB SITES**

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>