

Course of Study

Intent of Policy

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the District's course of study for K-8 students properly prepares District students to pursue, in grades 9-12, the requirements for a high school diploma.

Courses of Study- Grades 7-8

The District shall offer courses for students in grades 7 through 8, inclusive, in each of the following areas of study:

- a. English, including knowledge of and appreciation for literature, language, and composition, and the skills of reading, listening, and speaking;
- b. Social sciences, drawing upon the disciplines of anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, and sociology, designed to fit the maturity of the pupils;
- c. Foreign languages, beginning not later than grade 7, designed to develop a facility for understanding, speaking, reading, and writing the particular language;
- d. Physical education;
- e. Science, including the physical and biological aspects, with emphasis on basic concepts, theories, and processes of scientific investigation and on the place of humans in ecological systems, and with appropriate applications of the interrelation and interdependence of the sciences;
- f. Mathematics, including instruction designed to develop mathematical understandings, operational skills, and insight into problem-solving procedures. The course of study will include algebra for grades 7 through 12, inclusive;
- g. Visual and performing arts, including dance, music, theater, and visual arts, with emphasis upon development of aesthetic appreciation and the skills of creative expression;
- h. Other courses prescribed by the District designed to prepare prospective students for admission to state colleges and universities; and
- i. Other courses as may be prescribed by the District, including, but not limited to, career technical education courses or other courses designed to prepare students for careers and adult life.

(Ed. Code § 51225.3; Title 5, Cal. Code Regs. §§ 1630 *et seq.*)

Preparatory Courses of Study for K-6

The Board recognizes the primary grades, K-6, play a critical role in preparing students for the academic challenges of grades 7-12. The course requirements in grades 7-12 provide the foundation for high school graduation, college admission, technical and other vocations, and for meeting the various challenges of adult life. Therefore, in order to properly prepare students for the course of study required in grades 7-12, the District shall offer courses for K-6 students, inclusive, in each of the following areas:

- a. English language arts;
- b. English language development, including, but not limited to, reading; comprehension
- c. Social sciences;
- d. Foreign languages;
- e. Physical education;
- f. Science;
- g. Mathematics;
- h. Visual and performing arts; and
- i. Other courses as may be prescribed by the District.

Certification

The District shall certify to the State Superintendent that the District's adopted course of study prepares K-8 students to pursue high school diploma requirements in grades 9-12.

(Ed. Code §§ 51220 *et seq.*; Title 5 Cal. Code Regs. §§ 1630 *et seq.*)

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