

Middletown Unified School District

Policy 6146.11: Alternative Credits Toward Graduation

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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.

With the active involvement of parents/guardians, administrators, teachers, and students, the Board shall adopt alternative means for students to complete the prescribed course of study required for high school graduation. These alternative means shall be made available to students, parents/guardians, and the public. (Education Code 51225.3)

Students may fulfill any course requirement for graduation through the following:

1. Practical demonstration of skills and competencies (Education Code 51225.3)
Opportunities to demonstrate skills and competencies shall include, but not be limited to, challenging a course through successful completion of a district-developed examination which covers course objectives. The district shall not use results from the General Educational Development test or other state or national tests for this purpose.
2. Supervised work experience or other outside school experience in accordance with Education Code 51760.3 and 5 CCR 1635 (Education Code 51225.3)
3. Career technical education classes offered in high school (Education Code 51225.3)
4. Courses offered by regional occupational centers or programs (Education Code 51225.3)
5. Interdisciplinary study (Education Code 51225.3)
6. Independent study (Education Code 51225.3)
7. Credit earned at a postsecondary institution (Education Code 48800, 51225.3)
8. Private instruction in accordance with 5 CCR 1631
9. Correspondence instruction from a California university or college accredited for teacher training in accordance with 5 CCR 1633 (Education Code 51740-51741)
10. Military service and training in accordance with 5 CCR 1634 (Education Code 51440)
11. 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
12. For credit toward the district's physical education requirement, participation in district interscholastic athletic programs carried on wholly or partially after regular school hours (Education Code 51242)

A student shall be eligible to satisfy graduation requirements in this manner only if the

interscholastic program entails a comparable amount of time and physical activity.

13. 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)

Upon receiving advance, written application by the student or his/her parent/guardian, the Superintendent or designee shall determine whether completion of the proposed alternative means would satisfy course requirements for graduation and what documentation shall be required, if any, to verify the student's successful completion. The Superintendent or designee shall make the final determination as to whether the student's completion of an alternative means is sufficient to satisfy the district's graduation requirements.

As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall determine the grade to be assigned to students for the completion of any of the above alternative means. When a grade is assigned by a private school, postsecondary institution, or other educational institution for completion of coursework, that same grade shall be awarded by the district provided that the Superintendent or designee has determined the alternative course to be substantially equivalent to a district course.

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State	Description
5 CCR 10070-10075	Work experience education
5 CCR 11500-11508	Regional occupational centers and programs
5 CCR 11520-11523	Proficiency examination and certificate
5 CCR 11700-11705	Independent study
5 CCR 1600-1635	Alternative credit
Ed. Code 35160	Authority of governing boards
Ed. Code 35160.1	Broad authority of school districts
Ed. Code 48412	Certificate of proficiency
Ed. Code 48645.5	Former juvenile court school students; enrollment
Ed. Code 48800-48802	Concurrent enrollment in community college
Ed. Code 51220	Course of study for grades 7-12
Ed. Code 51225.3	High school graduation requirements
Ed. Code 51240-51246	Exemptions from requirements
Ed. Code 51420-51427	High school equivalency certificates
Ed. Code 51440	Credit and granting of diploma to veterans and members of the military service
Ed. Code 51740-51741	Authority to provide instruction by correspondence

Ed. Code 51745	Independent study
Ed. Code 51760-51769.5	Work experience education
Ed. Code 52300-52462	Career technical education
Veh. Code 12814.6	Teen driver's act
Federal	Description
20 USC 2301-2414	Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act
Management Resources	Description
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	California Department of Education
Cross References	
Code	Description
0470	COVID-19 Mitigation Plan
1220	Citizen Advisory Committees
1220	Citizen Advisory Committees
5121	Grades/Evaluation Of Student Achievement
5121	Grades/Evaluation Of Student Achievement
5125	Student Records
5125	Student Records
5126	Awards For Achievement
5126	Awards For Achievement
5145.6	Parent/Guardian Notifications
5145.6-E(1)	Parent/Guardian Notifications
6020	Parent Involvement
6020	Parent Involvement
6141.5	Advanced Placement
6142.2	World Language Instruction
6142.2	World Language Instruction
6142.7	Physical Education And Activity
6142.7	Physical Education And Activity
6143	Courses Of Study
6143	Courses Of Study
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6146.1	<u>High School Graduation Requirements</u>
6146.2	<u>Certificate Of Proficiency/High School Equivalency</u>
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6146.2-E(1)	<u>Certificate Of Proficiency/High School Equivalency</u>
6146.3	<u>Reciprocity Of Academic Credit</u>
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6155	<u>Challenging Courses By Examination</u>
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6158	<u>Independent Study</u>
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6159	<u>Individualized Education Program</u>
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6172.1	<u>Concurrent Enrollment In College Classes</u>
6172.1	<u>Concurrent Enrollment In College Classes</u>
6178	<u>Career Technical Education</u>
6178	<u>Career Technical Education</u>
6178.1	<u>Work-Based Learning</u>
6178.1	<u>Work-Based Learning</u>
6178.2	<u>Regional Occupational Center/Program</u>
6184	<u>Continuation Education</u>
6184	<u>Continuation Education</u>
6200	<u>Adult Education</u>
6200	<u>Adult Education</u>