

OAK PARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD POLICY

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BP 6146.11(1)

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.

With 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, parent/guardians, and the public. (Education Code 51225.3)

The Superintendent or designee shall capture data on outside credit course requests, enrollment, and evaluate master schedules, and regularly present this information to the Board to ensure that actual outcomes align with the policy's intended purpose and effectiveness.

Students may fulfill any course requirements 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 through concurrent enrollment (Education Code 48800, 51225.3) The Board supports advanced learning opportunities for high school students to be enrolled in both high school and college classes. The Board authorizes district and school administration to approve concurrent enrollment and, allowing students, under certain circumstances, to earn up to 40 high school credits for the completion of college coursework.
8. Alternatively with prior approval, students are permitted to take up to 40 credits from other institutions for high school graduation credit, not exceeding ten credits per academic year. Courses taken outside OPUSD with prior approval will earn (and be recorded on the OPUSD transcript as) "Credit" or "No Credit" and will not be factored into a student's Grade Point Average (GPA). An exception to this policy, allowing for courses to earn a letter grade and be included in the student's GPA as well as count towards high school graduation requirements, is

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when an Oak Park High School course was repeated for credit recovery or cannot be accommodated in a student's schedule in the current school year despite being requested through the student information system, or due to other limitations/circumstances beyond the student's control. OPUSD is not liable or responsible for fees and charges required by non-OPUSD programs voluntarily taken by students for alternative credits towards graduation. It is the student's responsibility to submit the transcripts for outside courses (taken during the school year and/or during the summer) when submitting college applications.

9. Private instruction in accordance with 5 CCR 1631
10. Correspondence instruction from a California university or college accredited for teacher training in accordance with 5 CCR 1633 or online learning from an accredited university or college, or WASC affiliated school or program while enrolled full time at a traditional high school. 5 CCR 1633 (Education Code 51740-51741)
11. Military service and training in accordance with 5 CCR 1634 (Education Code 51440)
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 when such participation entails a comparable amount of time and physical activity.

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 world language credit successfully completed in a private school in accordance with 5 CCR 1632 (Education Code 51243)

Upon receiving advance, written application by the student or student's parent/guardian, the Superintendent or designee shall determine whether the 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.

Prior approval from the principal or designee is required for any non-OPHS course to be added to the OPUSD transcript. The purpose of prior approval is to make sure the course is taken at an accredited institution and generates an official transcript. When it is determined that the course taken at an outside program is equivalent to a course provided by the district, the student may receive credit toward high school graduation requirements in addition to credit received from the college as outlined in the AR 6146.11 Alternative Credits Toward Graduation.

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State

5 CCR 10070-10075

5 CCR 11500-11508

5 CCR 11520-11523

5 CCR 11700-11705

5 CCR 1600-1635

Ed. Code 35160

Ed. Code 35160.1

Ed. Code 48412

Ed. Code 48645.5

Ed. Code 48800-48802

Ed. Code 51220

Ed. Code 51225.3

Ed. Code 51240-51246

Ed. Code 51420-51427

Ed. Code 51440

Ed. Code 51740-51741

Ed. Code 51745

Ed. Code 51760-51769.5

Ed. Code 52300-52462

Veh. Code 12814.6

Federal

20 USC 2301-2414

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