

Regulation 6146.3: Reciprocity Of Academic Credit

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Definitions

An "accredited" school is one that has received accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) or other statewide or regional commissions or, in the case of a school outside California, by the equivalent governmental or other regional accrediting agency in that jurisdiction.

Transfers from Accredited Schools

Students transferring into the district from an accredited school shall receive full academic credit for previously completed courses when the sending district verifies that the student has satisfactorily completed those courses.

Transfers from Non-Accredited Schools

When a student transfers from any non-accredited private, public, alternative, home or charter school, academic credit shall be subject to approval by the principal or designee at the enrolling school. Credits transferred from these schools shall be fully accepted when there is evidence that the course work completed is equivalent to similar courses offered in this district.

The principal or designee at the enrolling school shall be responsible for determining which of the student's credits are equivalent to district requirements. Guidelines for determining equivalency shall be developed by representative certificated staff familiar with the district's academic standards and graduation requirements.

Students in grades K through 8 who transfer into the district without proof of having met the grade level proficiency standards in reading, mathematics and writing must take the appropriate standardized tests of these basic skills to facilitate proper placement.

In determining equivalency, the principal and/or designated certificated staff representative may consider one or more of the following:

1. A review of the description of academic content and time requirements of the course work completed by the student compared to academic content and time requirements at the enrolling school
2. An examination of the student's portfolio of work, papers, completed projects, graded tests or other documents demonstrating the student's level of skill and knowledge
3. An opportunity for the student to demonstrate skill by his/her performance on appropriate course-challenging examinations, comprehensive final examinations and/or other culminating exercises used at the enrolling school
4. Verification by teacher observation, once the student has been placed in a course, that the student has reached a level of preparation consistent with his/her placement in that course

Appeals/Due Process

If a student's parent/guardian disagrees with the school site staff's judgment on grade-level placement, course placement and/or equivalency of academic credit, the parent/guardian may appeal to the Superintendent or designee.

Within 10 working days of notification of placement or credit determination, the parent/guardian may request, in writing, a conference with the Superintendent or designee to review the school site staff's decision.

The Superintendent or designee shall schedule a conference within 10 working days of the parent/guardian's request. This meeting may include the principal or designee, representatives of the school's certificated staff, and the student's parents/guardian. It shall be the parent/guardian's responsibility to present evidence that the facts do not support the school staff's decision on the student's placement and/or transferability of prior credits.

The Superintendent or designee's decision shall be final.

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
Ed. Code 35160	Authority of governing boards
Ed. Code 35160.1	Broad authority of school districts
Ed. Code 47612.5	Charter schools operations; general requirements
Ed. Code 48011	Admission from kindergarten or other school; minimum age
Ed. Code 48645.5	Former juvenile court school students; enrollment
Ed. Code 51225.3	High school graduation requirements
Ed. Code 51228	Course of study; offerings and timely opportunity
Ed. Code 60605	State-adopted content and performance standards in core curricular areas
Ed. Code 60640-60648.5	California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress
Ed. Code 64001	School plan for student achievement; consolidated application programs
Management Resources	Description
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services

Cross References

Code	Description
0420.4	Charter School Authorization
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5111	<u>Admission</u>
5111	<u>Admission</u>
5117	<u>Interdistrict Attendance</u>
5117	<u>Interdistrict Attendance</u>
5121	<u>Grades/Evaluation Of Student Achievement</u>
5121	<u>Grades/Evaluation Of Student Achievement</u>
5123	<u>Promotion/Acceleration/Retention</u>
5123	<u>Promotion/Acceleration/Retention</u>
6011	<u>Academic Standards</u>
6143	<u>Courses Of Study</u>
6143	<u>Courses Of Study</u>
6145.6	<u>International Exchange</u>
6145.6	<u>International Exchange</u>
6146.1	<u>High School Graduation Requirements</u>
6146.11	<u>Alternative Credits Toward Graduation</u>
6146.11	<u>Alternative Credits Toward Graduation</u>
6146.2	<u>Certificate Of Proficiency/High School Equivalency</u>
6146.2	<u>Certificate Of Proficiency/High School Equivalency</u>
6146.2-E(1)	<u>Certificate Of Proficiency/High School Equivalency</u>
6146.4	<u>Differential Graduation And Competency Standards For Students With Disabilities</u>
6146.5	<u>Elementary/Middle School Graduation Requirements</u>
6155	<u>Challenging Courses By Examination</u>
6155	<u>Challenging Courses By Examination</u>
6159.2	<u>Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School And Agency Services For Special Education</u>
6159.2	<u>Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School And Agency Services For Special Education</u>
6162.5	<u>Student Assessment</u>
6173	<u>Education For Homeless Children</u>
6173	<u>Education For Homeless Children</u>
6173-E(1)	<u>Education For Homeless Children</u>
6173-E(2)	<u>Education For Homeless Children</u>
6173.1	<u>Education For Foster Youth</u>

6173.1	<u>Education For Foster Youth</u>
6173.2	<u>Education Of Children Of Military Families</u>
6173.2	<u>Education Of Children Of Military Families</u>
6181	<u>Alternative Schools/Programs Of Choice</u>
6181	<u>Alternative Schools/Programs Of Choice</u>