

Instruction

Advanced Placement

To encourage students to challenge themselves academically and to enable students to be more competitive when applying for admission to post-secondary institutions, the Governing Board shall provide opportunities for college-level coursework that will prepare interested high school students to pass Advanced Placement examinations.

The Board desires to provide at least four Advanced Placement courses at each high school. The Superintendent or designee shall recommend subject areas for Advanced Placement courses at each school based on student interest, availability of qualified certificated staff, and availability of instructional materials and other resources. To increase the capacity of the school to offer these courses, the Superintendent or designee shall provide staff development and support to Advanced Placement teachers and shall explore alternative methods of delivering Advanced Placement courses, including but not limited to online courses. (cf. 4111 - Recruitment and Selection) (cf. 4113 - Assignment) (cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the District's curriculum provides opportunities for students to acquire the skills necessary to successfully undertake Advanced Placement coursework. To the extent possible, the Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with feeder middle schools in developing and implementing a preparation program (cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation) (cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

The Superintendent or designee also shall provide academic support services designed to increase the rate of successful participation in Advanced Placement courses offered by the District. (cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

All students who meet course prerequisites shall have equal access to Advanced Placement courses. (cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

Grades for Advanced Placement courses shall be assigned in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation. (cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

(Legal Reference next page)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48980 Parental notifications  
51220.3 Extra grade weighting for college  
admission courses  
52240-52247 Advanced Placement program

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3840 Advanced Placement as program option  
for gifted and talented students

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>  
AP Challenge Project: <http://www.apchallenge.net>  
College Entrance Examination Board: <http://www.collegeboard.org/ap>  
Advancement Via Individual Determination: <http://www.avidcenter.org>

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