

**ADULT/CONTINUING EDUCATION**

The Governing Board recognizes that education is a lifelong process and that it is important for individuals to continuously develop new skills.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and oversee the district's Adult Education Program. The Board shall approve all courses to be offered in this program.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 8500-8538 Adult education
- 41975-41976.2 Adult education; authorized classes and courses
- 44865 Qualifications for home teachers and teachers in special classes
- 46190-46192 Adult school; days of attendance
- 46300.4 Independent study in adult education
- 46351-46352 Adult classes
- 51040 Prescribed courses
- 51225.3 Requirements for graduation
- 51240-51246 Exemptions from attendance
- 51730-51732 Elementary school special day and evening classes
- 51810-51815 Community service classes
- 52500-52523 Adult schools
- 52530-52531 Use of hospitals
- 52540-52544 Adult English classes
- 52550-52556 Classes in citizenship
- 52570-52572 Disabled adults
- 52610-52616.24 Finances
- 52651-52656 Immigrant Workforce Preparation Act
- 52900-52904 Alternative education and work centers for high school dropouts
- 60410 Books for adult classes

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 10501 Adult education
- 10508 Records and reports
- 10530-10560 Standards
- 10600-10615 Adult education innovation

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 8

- 1184 Foreign students

CDE PUBLICATIONS

Adult Education Handbook for California, 1997

CDE LEGAL ADVISORIES

- 0319.97 Amendments to F-1 Student Visa Requirements, LO: 1-97

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- 0600.92 Using Independent Study in Adult Education Programs: An Option
- 0609.88 Education Fees for F-1 Visa Students
- 0622.87 Discrimination Against the Handicapped in Adult Education Programs

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All adult education programs, courses and classes and their enrollment period shall be listed in the district's catalog of adult education classes provided to the public. (Education Code 52523)

**Enrollment**

Adults shall have first priority for enrollment in any adult education class, provided they enroll during the regular enrollment period. (Education Code 52523)

For purposes of these programs, "adults" include persons age 18 or older or other persons not concurrently enrolled in a regular high school program. (Education Code 52610)

Students possessing or seeking an F-1 visa designation shall not be enrolled in district adult school programs. Students currently enrolled with an F-1 visa designation shall continue to be eligible for enrollment in district adult schools until their visas expire or until they leave the United States. (8 USC 1184)

(cf. 5111.2 – Nonresident Foreign Students)

**Concurrent Enrollment of High School Students**

High school students shall be permitted to enroll in an adult education program, course or class for sound educational purposes. Such classes shall supplement and not supplant the regular high school curriculum. Sound educational purposes include, but are not limited to, the following: (Education Code 52523)

1. The adult education program, course or class is not offered in the regular high school curriculum.
2. The student needs the adult education program, course or class in order to make up deficient credits for graduation from high school.
3. The adult education program, course or class allows the student to gain vocational and technical skills beyond that provided by the regular high school's vocational and technical education program.

(cf. 6178 – Vocational Education)

4. The adult education program, course or class supplements and enriches the high school student's educational experience.

High school students are expected to enroll in regular high school classes before seeking admission to any similar classes offered in the adult education program. A failed course, however, may be repeated through adult education.

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Before enrolling in an adult education class, the high school student shall complete a counseling session that includes his/her parent/guardian and a certificated representative of the high school. The certificated high school representative shall ensure that the student's school record includes written documentation of the meeting and both of the following statements: (Education Code 52500.1, 52523)

1. That the student is enrolling voluntarily in the adult education class.
2. That this enrollment will enhance the student's progress toward meeting educational requirements for high school graduation.

### Courses

A proposed adult education class shall have an educational purpose and meet the following criteria required for approval by the California Department of Education.

1. The class shall be located in a facility which clearly identifies the class as being open to the general public, with the exception of apprenticeship training classes, classes designed to serve the needs of disabled adults, classes in state hospitals and classes in jails and prisons. (Education Code 52517, 52570)

(cf. 0410 – Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

2. Class time shall be devoted to instruction.
3. Course content shall be educational and intended to teach a skill or knowledge unrelated to repetitive practices.
4. The course title shall clearly indicate its educational nature.

Adult education classes or courses shall offer instruction in one or more the following categories: (Education Code 41976)

1. Parenting, including parent cooperative preschools, classes in child growth and development, and parent-child relationships.
2. Elementary and secondary basic skills and other courses and classes required for the high school diploma.
3. English as a second language (ESL).
4. Programs for immigrants eligible for educational services in citizenship, English as a second language, and workforce preparation classes in the basic skills of speaking, listening, reading, writing, mathematics, decision making and problem solving, and other classes required for preparation to participate in job-specific technical training.

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5. Short-term vocational programs with high employment potential
6. Programs for older adults
7. Programs for apprentices
8. Home economics
9. Health and safety education

Classes for adults may be offered any day or evening, including weekends, for such length of time during the school year as determined by the Governing Board. (Education Code 52505, 52513)

### **Community Service Classes**

As part of the adult education program, the Board may establish and maintain community service classes to provide instruction that contributes to the physical, mental, moral, economic or civil development of any persons who may wish to enroll. (Education Code 51813)

Certificates of skill or accomplishment may be provided upon the satisfactory completion of community service classes. (Education Code 51813)

### **Independent Study**

The Superintendent or designee may make independent study available as an instructional strategy for students enrolled in adult education as appropriate to meet their individual needs.

(cf. 6158 – Independent Study)

Participation in independent study shall be voluntary. (Education Code 51747)

For students 21 years of age or older, or students 19 years of age or older who have not been continuously enrolled in school since their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, any course taken through independent study must be a course listed in Education Code 51225.3 or otherwise required by the Board as a prerequisite to receiving a diploma for high school graduation. (Education Code 46300.4)

(cf. 6143 – Courses of Study)

### **Fees**

The district may charge adult education students a registration fee for each adult education class, with the following exceptions:

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1. No fee shall be charged for a class for which high school credit is granted if the class is taken by an individual who does not hold a high school diploma. (Education Code 52612)
2. No charge shall be made for a class in an elementary subject or a class in English or citizenship for foreigners unless the student is a nonimmigrant alien with an F-1 visa status. Any nonimmigrants enrolled in these classes shall be charged a fee to cover the full cost of the instruction, not to exceed actual costs. The fee shall be adopted by the Board at a regular meeting at least 90 days before the beginning of the class for which the fee is charged. (Education Code 52612, 52613)

Except for those fees required by law, at the recommendation of the Superintendent or designee, the payment of fees may be waived in cases of unusual hardship.

The Board may fix a charge, not to exceed costs, for books furnished to adult education students. In some cases, books may be obtained from the district at cost or may be obtained on loan with the payment of a refundable deposit. In addition, materials purchased from the incidental expense account may be sold to adult school students for use in their classes. (Education Code 52615, 60410)

(cf. 3260 – Fees and Charges)

**Graduation Requirements**

A certificate of completion of the eighth grade shall be awarded through the adult school upon success completion of the following:

1. At least one term in the adult elementary program which includes reading, writing, arithmetic, spelling, current events, geography, California and U.S. history, civics and natural science.
2. Overall eighth-grade placement on a recognized standard achievement test.
3. Successful passage of district test in U.S. History and Constitution.

Adult education students who fulfill the district's graduation requirements shall receive a diploma of high school graduation.

(cf. 6146.1 – High School Graduation Requirements)