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COURSES OF STUDY

The Inyo County Board of Education recognizes that a well-articulated sequence of courses fosters academic progress and provides for the best possible use of instructional time. The county office's course of study shall provide students with opportunities to attain the skills, knowledge, and abilities they need to be successful in school, college, and/or the workplace. (cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish processes for ensuring the articulation of courses across grade levels within the county office. As necessary, he/she shall work with representatives of appropriate area county offices and postsecondary institutions to ensure articulation of courses with other institutions to which county office students may matriculate. The sequence of courses shall be designed to ensure that each course provides adequate preparation for the next course in the sequence, avoids significant duplication of content, and allows for reinforcement and progression in the subject matter.

Middle School Grades

The Board shall adopt a course of study for elementary grades that sufficiently prepares students for the secondary school course of study.

Secondary Grades

The county office shall offer all otherwise qualified students in secondary grades a course of study that, upon graduation from high school, prepares them to meet the requirements and prerequisites for admission to California public colleges and universities and/or attain entry-level employment skills in business or industry. (Education Code 51228)

In addition, the course of study for high school students shall include instruction in skills and knowledge for adult life, career technical training, and a timely opportunity for all otherwise qualified students to enroll, within four years before graduation, in each course necessary to fulfill the requirements and prerequisites for admission to California public colleges and universities. (Education Code 51224, 51228)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a process by which courses that meet college admission criteria (referred to as "a-g" course requirements) are submitted to the University of California for review and certification. He/she shall maintain an accurate list of all current county office high school courses that have been so certified, shall ensure that the list is provided annually to each student in grades 9-12, and shall make updated lists readily available. (Education Code 66204)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33319.3 Driver education; CDE materials on road rage

33540 Government and civics instruction in interaction with government agencies

48980 Parental notifications

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51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety
51203 Instruction on alcohol, narcotics and restricted dangerous drugs
51204 Course of study designed for student's needs
51204.5 Social science instruction; history of California; contributions of various groups
51210-51212 Course of study for grades 1-6
51220-51229 Course of study for grades 7-12
51241 Exemption from physical education
51911-51921 Comprehensive health education
51930-51939 Comprehensive sexual health and HIV/AIDS prevention instruction
51940 Curriculum for brain and spinal cord injury prevention
53278-53280 Supplemental School Counseling Program
60040-60052 Requirements for instructional materials
66204 Certification of high school courses as meeting university admission criteria
HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
11032 Definition of dangerous drugs
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
10020-10049 Automobile driver education and training
10060 Physical education program
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6101-6251 School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
California Career Resource Network: <http://www.californiacareers.info>
California Colleges.edu: <http://www.californiacolleges.edu>
California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>
California State University, Admission Requirements:
http://www.csumentor.edu/planning/high_school
University of California, a-g Course Submissions: http://www.ucop.edu/a-gGuide/ag/course_submissions
University of California, List of Approved a-g
Courses: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/freshman/requirements>

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Grades 7-12

Courses of study for grades 7 through 12 shall include the following:
(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

1. English: knowledge and appreciation of literature, language, and composition, and the skills of reading, listening, and speaking (Education Code 51220)
(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)
2. Social sciences: age-appropriate instruction drawing upon the disciplines of anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology and sociology, with instruction in: (Education Code 51220)
 - a. The history, resources, development, and government of California and the United States, including instruction in:
 - (1) The early history of California and a study of the and the role and contributions of both men and women, Native Americans, African Americans, Mexican Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, European Americans, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans, persons with disabilities, and members of other ethnic groups to the economic, political and social development of California and the United States, with particular emphasis on portraying the role of these groups in contemporary society (Education Code 51204.5)
 - (2) World War II and the role of Americans and Fillipinos in that war
 - (3) The Vietnam War, including the "Secret War" in Laos and role of Southeast Asians in that war
 - b. The American legal system, the operation of the juvenile and adult criminal justice systems, and the rights and duties of citizens under the criminal and civil law and the state and federal constitutions
This course may include participation in a teen court or peer court program. (Education Code 51220.2)
 - c. The development of the American economic system, including the role of the entrepreneur and labor
 - d. The relations of persons to their human and natural environments, including the wise use of natural resources (Education Code 51221)
 - e. Eastern and western cultures and civilizations
 - f. Human rights issues, with particular attention to the study of the inhumanity of genocide, slavery, and the Holocaust
 - g. Contemporary issues
3. Foreign language(s): understanding, speaking, reading, and writing, beginning not later than grade 7 (Education Code 51220)
4. Physical education: with emphasis on physical activities conducive to health and vigor of body and mind, as required by Education Code 51222 (Education Code

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5. Science: physical and biological aspects; emphasis on basic concepts, theories, and processes of scientific investigation and on the place of humans in ecological systems; appropriate applications of the interrelation and interdependence of the sciences (Education Code 51220)
 6. Mathematics: mathematical understandings, operational skills and problem-solving procedures; algebra (Education Code 51220, 51224.5)
 7. Visual and performing arts: dance, music, theatre, and visual arts, with emphasis upon development of aesthetic appreciation and creative expression (Education Code 51220)
 8. Applied arts: consumer and homemaking education, industrial arts, general business education, or general agriculture (Education Code 51220)
 9. Career technical/vocational-technical education: in the occupations and in the numbers appropriate to the personnel needs of the state and community served and relevant to the career desires and needs of students (Education Code 51220)
 10. HIV/AIDS prevention (Education Code 51934)
 11. Personal and public safety, accident prevention and health, including instruction in: (Education Code 51202, 51203)
 - a. Emergency first aid, hemorrhage control, treatment for poisoning, resuscitation techniques, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation when appropriate equipment is available
 - b. Fire prevention
 - c. The protection and conservation of resources, including the necessity for the protection of our environment
 - d. Venereal disease
 - e. The effects of alcohol, narcotics, drugs, and tobacco upon the human body and upon prenatal development
 - f. Prenatal care
 - g. Violence as a public health issue

In addition, the course of study for grade 7 and/or 8 may include parenting skills and education that address at least all of the following: (Education Code 51220.5)

1. Child growth and development
2. Parental responsibilities
3. Household budgeting
4. Child abuse and neglect issues
5. Personal hygiene
6. Maintenance of healthy relationships
7. Teen parenting issues
8. Self-esteem

High schools shall offer automobile driver education that includes instruction in: (Education Code 51220, 51220.1, 51220.4)

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1. Vehicle Code provisions and other relevant state laws
2. Proper acceptance of personal responsibility in traffic
3. Appreciation of the causes, seriousness and consequences of traffic accidents
4. Knowledge and attitudes necessary for the safe operation of motor vehicles
5. The safe operation of motorcycles
6. The dangers involved in consuming alcohol or drugs in connection with the operation of a motor vehicle
7. The rights and duties of a motorist pertaining to pedestrians and the rights and duties of pedestrians pertaining to traffic laws and traffic safety

Certification of College Preparatory Courses

The Superintendent or designee shall identify courses in history-social science, English, mathematics, laboratory science, languages other than English, visual and performing arts, career technical education, and college preparatory electives that may qualify for designation as "a-g" college preparatory courses. He/she shall submit course information to the University of California (UC) including, but not necessarily limited to, the course title, subject area, grade level(s), unit value, a brief course description, prerequisites and co-requisites, texts and supplemental instructional materials used in the course, whether the school is seeking designation of the course as an honors course, and whether the course is classified as a career technical education or regional occupational program course. He/she also shall electronically submit updates to UC whenever course content changes or a course will not be offered in a particular year.

Notification to Students in Grades 9-12

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall provide written notice to parents/guardians of students in grades 9-12 that, to the extent possible, shall not exceed one page in length and that includes all of the following: (Education Code 51229)

1. A brief explanation of the course requirements for admission to UC and the California State University (CSU)
2. A list of the current UC and CSU web sites that help students and their families learn about college admission requirements and that list high school courses that have been certified by UC as satisfying the requirements for admission to UC and CSU
3. A brief description of what career technical education is, as defined by the California Department of Education (CDE)
4. The Internet address for the portion of the CDE web site where students can learn more about career technical education

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5. Information about how students may meet with school counselors to help them choose courses that will meet college admission requirements and/or enroll in career technical education courses (cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

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