Kings County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools
Board/Superintendent Policy

BP/SP 6143
Instruction

COURSES OF STUDY

The Kings County Board of Education (the Board) and the County Superintendent of Schools (the Superintendent) recognize that a well-articulated sequence of courses fosters academic progress and provides for the best possible use of instructional time. The Kings County Office of Education (KCOE) 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.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish processes for ensuring the articulation of courses across grade levels within the district and, as necessary, shall work with representatives of appropriate area districts to ensure articulation of courses between elementary and secondary schools.

Elementary Grades

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

Secondary Grades

KCOE 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)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all otherwise qualified students have a timely opportunity, within the four years before graduation, to enroll in each course necessary to fulfill the requirements and prerequisites for admission to California public colleges and universities prior to graduation from high school. (Education Code 51228)

In addition, the course of study for high school students shall include instruction in skills and knowledge for adult life and career technical training. (Education Code 51224)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a process by which courses are submitted to the University of California (UC) for review and certification in order to meet university admission criteria.
He/she shall maintain an accurate list of all current district high school courses that have been so certified and shall ensure that the list is provided annually to each student in grades 9-12 and that updated lists are made readily available. (Education Code 66204)

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 college admission requirements.
2. A list of the current UC and California State University (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 web site of the CDE where students can learn more about career technical education.

Legal References:

EDUCATION CODE
33319.3 Driver education; CDE materials on road rage
33540 Government and civics instruction in interaction with government agencies
48980 Parental notifications
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 History of California; contributions of men, women and ethnic groups
51210-51212 Areas of study for grades 1-6
51220-51229 Course of study for grades 7-12
51241 Exemption from physical education
51911-51921 Comprehensive health educational plans
51930-51939 California Comprehensive Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Act
51940 Curriculum for brain and spinal cord injury prevention
53278-53280 Supplemental School Counseling Program
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
Legal References (con’t):
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6101-6251 School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994

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Grades 1-6

Courses of study for grades 1 through 6 shall include the following:

1. English: knowledge and appreciation of language and literature, and the skills of speaking, reading, listening, spelling, handwriting, and composition (Education Code 51210)

2. Mathematics: concepts, operational skills and problem solving (Education Code 51210)

3. Social sciences: age-appropriate instruction drawing upon the disciplines of anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, and sociology, including instruction in: (Education Code 51210)
   a. The history, resources, development, and government of California and the United States
   b. The development of the American economic system, including the role of the entrepreneur and labor
   c. The relations of persons to their human and natural environments
   d. Eastern and western cultures and civilizations
   e. Contemporary issues
   f. The wise use of natural resources

4. Science: biological and physical aspects, with emphasis on experimental inquiry and the place of humans in ecological systems (Education Code 51210)
5. Visual and performing arts: instruction in dance, music, theatre, and visual arts aimed at developing aesthetic appreciation and creative expression (Education Code 51210)

6. Health: principles and practices of individual, family, and community health (Education Code 51210)

The adopted course of study shall provide instruction at the appropriate grade levels and subject areas in: (Education Code 51202)

a. Personal and public safety and accident prevention, including instruction in 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

7. Physical education, with emphasis on physical activities conducive to health and vigor of body and mind (Education Code 51210)

8. Career awareness exploration

Grades 7-12

Courses of study for grades 7 through 12 shall include the following:

1. English: knowledge and appreciation of literature, language and composition, and the skills of reading, listening, and speaking (Education Code 51220)

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:

(1) Early California history, and the role and contributions of both men and women, black Americans, American Indians, Mexicans, Asians, Pacific Island people and other ethnic groups to the economic, political and social development of California and the nation, with particular emphasis on the role of these groups in contemporary society (Education Code 51204.5)
(2) World War II and the American role in that war and 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 51220)

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

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