

## **Instruction**

### **Alternative Credits Toward Graduation**

#### **Stockton Unified School District Schools, Courses, and Programs**

A student may not earn more than twenty (20) “alternative credits toward graduation” during any one semester or during summer school programs without prior approval of the high school principal or designee.

District high schools shall accept for credit, alternative credits toward graduation from the following Stockton Unified School District schools, courses, and programs.

Community Service, Science Camp (Community Service), Student Service/Teacher Assist, Work Experience/Vocational Work Experience

A student may not receive more than a total of 40 credits for either general work experience or vocational work experience or a combination of any work experience, community service and student service, teacher assist.

#### **1. Community Service**

- Grades 9, 10, 11, 12;
- Requires approval by counselor and principal or designee;
- Approved sites must be “community agency” or “non-profit organization;”
- 15 hours – 1 credit.

#### **Science Camp (Community Service)**

- Grades 10, 11, 12;
- Must meet science camp cabin leader requirements;
- Approval of principal or designee.

#### **Student Service/Teaching Assist**

- Grades 9, 10, 11, 12;
- Must maintain 2.0 grade point average.

#### **Work Experience and Vocation Work Experience**

- Grades 10, 11, 12;
- Must be 16 years of age;
- Approval of counselor and work experience teacher.

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2. School for Adults – Concurrent Enrollment
  - Utilized by students 16 years and over;
  - Approval of counselor and principal or designee;
  - Maximum – 20 credits per year/40 credits total.
3. Community Day School
  - Grades 9, 10, 11, 12;
  - Placement approval from Board of Education, District Community Day School administrator, or student attendance review board.
4. Independent Study – Concurrent Enrollment
  - A. District Courses
    - Grades 9, 10, 11, 12;
    - Available at each comprehensive high school and alternative high school through a certificated independent study teacher;
    - Generally allowed for elective credits;
    - Required courses require counselor, principal, or designee approval;
    - District Independent Study contract must be approved and completed.
  - B. Athletics
    - Grades 9, 10, 11, 12;
    - Approval of athletic director and principal or designee;
    - May not concurrently enroll in Independent Study: Athletics and a Physical Education course;
    - Maximum – 40 credits total.
  - C. Marching Band/Auxiliary Units
    - Grades 9, 10, 11, 12;
    - Approval of band director and principal or designee;
    - May not concurrently enroll in Marching Band/Auxiliary Units and a Physical Education course;
    - Maximum – 40 credits total.
  - D. Physical Education
    - Grades 9, 10, 11, 12;
    - Approval of counselor and principal or designee;
    - May not concurrently enroll in Independent Study: Physical Education and a physical education course;
    - District Independent Study contract must be approved and completed.

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5. Independent Study – Full Time
  - Grades 9, 10, 11, 12;
  - Available at each comprehensive high school and alternative high school through a certificated independent study teacher;
  - Generally allowed for required credits for graduation;
  - Required courses require counselor, principal, or designee approval;
  - District Independent Study contract must be approved and completed;
  - Maximum – 30 credits per semester.
6. Home Instruction
  - Grades 9, 10, 11, 12;
  - Student must be out of school for four (4) weeks and certified by physician;
  - Placement must be approved by district Home Instruction Office;
  - Credits given for academic CORE courses and some electives. Partial credits may be earned;
  - Maximum – 30 credits per semester.
7. Portable Assisted Study Sequence Program (PASS)
  - Migrant Education instruction materials used;
  - The instruction entails fields and subjects included in the district's courses of study or curricula;
  - Maximum – 20 credits per year/80 credits total.
8. Summer School
  - Grades 9, 10, 11, 12;
  - Approval of a school counselor;
  - Maximum – 10 credits per summer session/40 credits total. A student may not earn more than twenty credits during a summer session without prior approval of the school counselor and appropriate administrator. Credits earned during summer school from out of state and out of local area schools will be accepted only from accredited or licensed schools.
9. Regional Occupation Program
  - Must be 16 years old, or
  - Junior or senior;
  - Approval of counselor;
  - Full time – 12.5 credits per quarter/50 credits per year;

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- Part time – 12.5 credits per semester/25 credits per year.

#### **10. YES-Plus**

- Grades 9, 10, 11;
- Summer Youth Employment Program (students qualify by income level);
- Maximum – 15 credits per summer session.

### **County Community Day School**

The District shall accept credit toward high school graduation for course work successfully completed at a County Community Day School.

### **College Courses**

The district shall accept credit toward high school graduation for course work successfully completed at a community college or state college, provided that:

1. At the student's request, the course is not being applied for credit toward college graduation. (5 CCR 1630)
2. Three and one-third semester periods' high school credit is given for each credit hour earned in college. (5 CCR 1630)
3. The student receives the same letter grade for the high school credit as is granted by the college.

### **Correspondence Courses**

The district shall accept credit toward high school graduation for correspondence course work successfully completed provided that:

1. The course subject is included in the district's school course of study.
2. The school is accredited.
3. The school grants no more than 20 credits per year and not more than 80 credits total.

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#### **Juvenile Court School**

The district shall accept for credit any course work satisfactorily completed by students while detained in a juvenile court school or county or state-operated institution. District students who successfully complete district graduation requirements while so detained shall receive a diploma from the school they last attended. (Education Code 48645.5)

#### **Private School Instruction**

The district shall accept for credit, private school courses successfully completed in a private school provided that the school is accredited and/or licensed.

#### **Private School Instruction – Concurrent Enrollment**

The district shall accept for credit private school courses successfully completed while concurrently enrolled in Stockton Unified School District. Credits earned in grades nine through twelve are limited to no more than ten (10) credits during a school year and no more than ten (10) credits during a summer school program. A maximum of twenty (20) credits can be earned during the two regular semesters of the school year and the summer school session.

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