

ALTERNATIVE CREDITS TOWARD GRADUATION

Alternative means specified by the district for completing the prescribed course of study shall be made available to students, parents/guardians and the public. (Education Code 51225.3)

Juvenile Court School

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

Out-of-District Instruction

The district recognizes that students may desire to augment or accelerate their high school education in order to successfully reach various individual educational goals. As a result, the district has established procedures for students who wish to take courses in designated accredited educational institutions, local public community colleges or public universities.

The following procedures apply to the acceptance of credits for Murrieta Valley Unified School District (MVUSD) students who complete coursework in other designated accredited educational institutions while enrolled in MVUSD. These procedures apply only to outside coursework completed, to be posted on the high school transcript, while a student is enrolled in a MVUSD school.

1. For credit recovery, students are allowed to earn 10 high school credits per year from a designated accredited educational institution, local public community college or public university for repeated courses required for high school graduation if the original grade is a "D" or "F" and receive prior approval from the high school counselor.

Ten high school credits per school year, with a maximum of 40 credits towards graduation, will be accepted from a student who takes courses in other designated accredited educational institutions while enrolled in a MVUSD school. The superintendent or designee may approve an additional 10 credits per year from a designated accredited educational institution, local public community college or public university.

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2. For acceleration, high school students are allowed to earn 10 high school credits per year from a designated accredited educational institution, local public community college or public university to fulfill high school graduation requirements in the following areas: Visual and Performing Arts, second year of Physical Education and Electives. Incoming ninth grade students (the summer before the student enters high school) are allowed to earn 10 high school credits, which must be approved by the assigned high school counselor, from a designated accredited educational institution, local public community college or public university to fulfill high school graduation requirements in the area of Visual and Performing Arts only. The Visual and Performing Arts course must meet UC/CSU "a-g" entrance requirements.

Ten high school credits per school year, with a maximum of 40 credits towards graduation, will be accepted from a student who takes courses in other designated accredited educational institutions while enrolled in a MVUSD school. The superintendent or designee may approve an additional 10 credits per year from a designated accredited educational institution, local public community college or public university.

3. The maximum of 10 credits per year noted in item number one will be accepted under the following conditions:
 - a. Before enrolling in the course, students must first secure an "Application and Authorization Form for Outside Education Courses" document from their high school counselor, complete the form, and submit it to the principal for approval prior to enrolling in the Out-of-District course.
 - b. Course work may only be completed at a designated accredited educational institutions, local public community colleges, University of California Regents programs, and the California State University system. Under special circumstances, the principal may approve course work taken at an out-of-state accredited institution of higher learning.
 - c. In accordance with Education Code 46145, students must be enrolled in a minimum of five district classes.

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- d. Approved outside courses will be listed as an out-of-district course on the student's MVUSD transcript. With an annotation that the course was taken outside the MVUSD, the student will receive the same letter grade as on the out-of-district institution transcript. Three and one-third semester high school credits will be given for each college credit hour earned with a maximum of ten credits per course. The letter grade posted on the high school transcript will be used in the computation of the student's grade point average on a four-point scale for class ranking purposes.
4. A student who is a professional athlete or an elite nationally ranked athlete is eligible to apply for independent study physical education. Students are not eligible for independent study physical education if they participate in organized team sports, clubs, or groups after school.

Independent Study Physical Education Program requirements:

- a. The student and his/her parent/guardian must comply with legal requirements for independent study and the written agreement.
- b. Instruction must take place in a supervised facility.
- c. Instruction must be of an advanced nature, the direction/instruction/supervision must take place for a minimum of 400 minutes each 10 school days, as required by Education Code 51222.
- d. The instructor/coach must fill out a bi-weekly calendar verifying instruction/workout times. The student must meet with the supervising teacher at school bi-weekly and submit a calendar and related documents. A performance/progress evaluation, signed by the instructor/coach, must also be submitted on a bi-weekly basis.
- e. The parent/guardian will be required to sign a release of liability allowing the student to leave campus before the end of the school day. The parent/guardian assumes full responsibility and liability for transportation and safety while the student is off campus participating in the approved activity.
- f. The facility and/or instructor will be required to provide a copy of the certificate of liability insurance in the amount of one million dollars to the MVUSD.

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Concurrent Enrollment Instruction

Students are allowed to enroll in concurrent enrollment coursework offered on a MVUSD school campus to earn high school credits from a designated accredited educational institution, local public community college or public university to fulfill high school graduation requirements. The concurrent courses will be approved by Educational Services and only offered on a MVUSD school campus.

Three and one-third semester high school credits will be given for each college credit hour earned with a maximum of ten credits per semester per course. The letter grade from concurrent enrollment courses, held on a MVUSD school campus will be posted on the high school transcript and be used in the computation of the student's grade point average on a five-point scale for class ranking purposes. Concurrent enrollment courses will be assigned five credits per semester per course for class ranking purposes.

Adult Education

The district shall give credit toward high school graduation for coursework successfully completed in the district's Adult Education School, provided that:

1. The course subject is included in the Adult Education Course of Study.
2. The course subject fulfills requirements toward high school graduation.

Private Foreign Language Instruction

The district shall grant credit for foreign language studies successfully completed in a private school and shall apply the credit toward meeting any foreign language requirement prescribed for grades 9-12, provided that all of the following conditions are met: (Education Code 51243-51245; 5 CCR 1632)

1. The courses are in languages designated in Education Code 51244.
2. The student is regularly enrolled or applying to the district in grades 9-12.
3. The student or his/her parent/guardian applies in writing for the credit, specifies the private school attended and the amount and level of credit requested, and submits a transcript or other documents from the private school showing that the student successfully completed the course.
4. The amount of credit sought equals at least one semester's work.

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5. The principal or designee determines that the student's achievement is equivalent to that expected of a student of comparable ability taking the same or similar instruction in district schools. This determination shall be based upon the private school's report of a test developed by the private school in cooperation with the district or, if the private school is located outside the district, the principal or designee may use a test given by a public school or other evidence which he/she deems appropriate.

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