

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)

Definitions

A semester period is one period of 40 to 60 minutes of instructional time per week throughout one semester of at least 17 weeks, or a minimum of 12 clock hours of instructional time provided during the academic year or in summer school. While the content to be covered is planned within these time frames, a student may be granted one semester period of credit even though the student spends less than the aforementioned amount of time in completing the necessary work. (5 CCR 1600)

College Courses

To receive high school credit for coursework completed at a community college or four-year college, the student or parent/guardian shall submit a written request and a transcript showing successful completion of the course. The course shall be one that satisfies college entrance requirements, applies toward college-level general education requirements, or is part of a vocational or career technical education course leading to a degree or certificate.

Guidelines for Granting High School Credits for College Coursework

SVUSD high school students may elect to use college coursework credits to meet SVUSD high school graduation requirements. Students may also opt to take a college course for college credit only. Three semester college credits or 4.5-quarter college credits are equivalent to ten high school credits (Education Code 51740, 51760, Title 5 1630). The credits allowed for college coursework are separate from and in addition to the maximum of ten credits of independent study allowed for high school graduation. The following conditions must be met for college credit to be accepted for SVUSD high school graduation credit:

1. The student must obtain prior approval for the course and credit by the Assistant Principal for Curriculum.
2. If the same course is offered on the high school campus, the college course may be approved if the high school administrative staff determines that a scheduling conflict prevents the student from taking the course on the high school campus.
3. The college course may be included in the required number of classes (six classes for 9th, 10th, and 11th graders; five classes for 12th graders); however, all students must take at least four classes on the high school campus.
4. The college course will be awarded high school elective credit. The college course(s) will not receive weighted grades. A college course is allowed for any of the 55 elective credits required for graduation. A college course is not allowed to replace any of the 175 credits of specified classes for graduation (English 1, 2, 3, 4; Cultural Geography/History, World History, United States History, Civics/American Government, Economics; three years of Math including Algebra 1; three years of Science; two years of Physical Education; one semester of Health; one year of Visual/Performing Arts, Foreign Language, or Applied/Technical Arts). The only two exceptions to this are taking a pre-approved Social Science elective taken in lieu of Cultural Geography/History by students transferring to SVUSD schools during their junior or senior year or repeating a course taken in SVUSD summer school where a grade of "F" was received.
5. The grade received in the college course will be included in the high school G.P.A. calculation. This includes grades of "F" or "WF". The college course(s) will not receive weighted grades.
6. High school graduation credit will not be granted for college courses taken as a repeat of a course taken in high school during the regular school year. The only exception is this: a high school student wanting to repeat a course which is not offered in SVUSD summer school may take a pre-approved college course in its place. The same guidelines used for courses repeated within the district will be used: the grades in both courses will appear on the high school transcript, but only one course will be granted credit toward meeting graduation requirements and only the higher grade received will be included in the G.P.A. calculation.
7. A non-academic college course designated with a mark of pass/fail may be approved for credit. An academic college course designated with a mark of pass/fail shall not be approved for credit.
8. College coursework will only be accepted from an accredited two or four-year college or university.
9. After successful completion of the course, it is the responsibility of the student to have the college submit the necessary transcript documentation to the high school. Following receipt of the college transcript by the high school, the college registrar where the credit was earned will receive a form from the SVUSD high school guidance office informing the college that high school credit was granted.

Guidelines for Granting HS Credits for Distance Learning/Online Coursework

SVUSD high school students may elect to use distance learning/online coursework credits to meet SVUSD high school graduation requirements. The credits allowed for distance learning/online coursework are separate from and in addition to the maximum of ten credits of independent study allowed for high school graduation. The following conditions must be met for distance learning/online credit to be accepted for SVUSD high school graduation credit:

1. The student must obtain prior approval for the course and credit by the Assistance Principal of Curriculum.
2. If the same course is offered on the high school campus, the distance learning/online course may be approved if the high school administrative staff determines that a scheduling conflict prevents the student from taking the course on the high school campus.
3. The distance learning/online course may be included in the required number of classes (six classes for 9th, 10th, and 11th graders; five classes for 12th graders); however, all students must take at least four classes on the high school campus.
4. The distance learning/online course will be awarded high school elective credit. The distance learning/online course(s) will not receive weighted grades. A distance learning/online course is allowed for any of the 55 elective credits required for graduation. A distance learning/online course is not allowed to replace any of the 175 credits of specified classes for graduation (English 1, 2, 3, 4; Cultural Geography/History, World History, United States History, Civics/American Government, Economics; three years of Math including Algebra 1; three years of Science; two years of Physical Education; one semester of Health; one year of Visual/Performing Arts, Foreign Language, or Applied/Technical Arts). The only three exceptions to this are taking a pre-approved Social Science elective taken in lieu of Cultural Geography/History by students transferring to SVUSD schools during their junior or senior year, repeating a course taken in SVUSD summer school where a grade "F" was received, or taking an AP level of a required SVUSD course when the AP course is not offered at the student's high school.
5. The grade received in the distance learning/online course must be included in the high school G.P.A. calculation. This includes grades "F" or "WF". The distance learning/online course(s) will not receive weighted grades.
6. High school graduation credit will not be granted for distance learning/online courses taken as a repeat of a course taken in high school during the regular school year. The only exception is this: a high school student wanting to repeat a course which is not offered in SVUSD summer school may take a pre-approved distance learning/online course in its place. The same guidelines used for courses repeated within the district will be used: the grades in both courses will appear on the high school transcript, but only one course will be granted credit toward meeting graduation requirements and only the higher grade received will be included in the G.P.A. calculation.
7. A non-academic distance learning/online course designated with a mark of pass/fail may be approved for credit. An academic distance learning/online college course designated with a mark of pass/fail shall not be approved for credit.
8. Distance learning/online coursework will only be accepted from a distance learning/online school accredited by WASC or one of the other five regional associations that accredit public and private schools or a program that has an approved University of California "a-g" Course List.
9. After successful completion of the course, it is the responsibility of the student to have the distance learning/online school program submit the necessary transcript documentation to the high school.