

Continuation High School Graduation Requirements (BP 6146.12) Policy Recommendations

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Teaching and Learning, Educational Services

Proposed Policy: Overview

Approval of BP 6146.12 would establish new high school graduation requirements specific to Island High School. If approved, this would be a parallel policy to our current high school graduation requirements policy (BP 6146.1).

Island High School and staff are proposing these changes to align with the school's current model – advancing students toward high school graduation from a state of credit deficiency and facilitating the transition to community college and career. The proposed requirements are within the scope of comparable requirements at regional continuation programs. If approved, this policy would be implemented beginning in the Fall of 2019.

Proposed Policy: Key Elements

- Reduction of the total credit requirement from 230 to 200.
- Maintenance of previous science requirements in place prior to those that took effect for the class of 2020. Students at Island High School would continue fulfilling their science requirement with one year of biological laboratory science and one year of physical laboratory science. UC 'a-g' approval would not be required for these courses.
- Reduction of the total English credit requirement from 40 to 30. This would still meet state requirements (California requires 30 total credits).
- Addition of required community college experiences.
- Addition of career planning activities as part of a career planning course.

Proposed Policy: Comparison

Credit/Other Area	Current AUSD Requirements	Proposed Island High School Requirements
English	40 Credits	30 Credits
Math	20 Credits (one must be Algebra I)	
Science	20 Credits (UC 'a-g' Lab Bio/Physical)	20 Credits (Bio/Physical)
Social Studies	30 Credits (USH, World History, Economics/Government)	
VAPA/World Language	10 credits VAPA, 10 credits World Language (Can use CTE as substitute for one of these)	
Physical Education	20 Credits	
Current Life	5 Credits	
Total Credits	230	200
Cumulative GPA	Greater than or Equal to 1.75	
Community Service	20 hours	
Other	N/A	Community College Experiences and Career Planning Activities

Board Action Proposed

The action presented for the Board's consideration is approval of Board Policy 6146.12, a new policy that would establish high school graduation requirements specific to Island High School. If approved, this policy would be implemented effective July 1, 2019.

Questions?