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NON-DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL COURSE CRITERIA AND APPLICATION

Counselor approval is no longer required before registering for Non-District Courses. Courses taken prior to the completion of 8th grade will not be accepted for credit. It is the responsibility of the student/family to ensure that the Non-District Course institution meets the following criteria:

1. The institution is WASC/ASC (i.e. CAVA) regionally accredited, UC/CSU approved institutions, or have a district partnership (i.e. DPIE) and offers coursework that leads to a high school diploma. For a list of UC approved accreditation agencies click here
2. The institution issues letter grades and academic credits for coursework.
3. The institution issues official transcripts ("official academic record" or "official grade report" is not sufficient).

The maximum number of credits granted for Non-District Courses is 40 credits for grades 9-12 with no more than 20 credits in any one subject area. Students are responsible for meeting the prerequisites for the course prior to registration. If there is any question as to whether or not a particular course that you are interested in taking is okay to use for high school credit, be sure to check with your counselor.

The following requirements must be completed at a DUSD high school (exceptions to these requirements include courses taken for credit recovery):

- 4 years of English
- 2 years of Math
- 3 years of Social Sciences
- 2 years of Science
- 1 year of Contemporary Health
- 1 year-long course in any visual/performing arts, career tech, or applied arts
- 9th grade P.E.

The EHS Non-District Course Intent Form is required if you enroll in a Non-District Course. To have the Non-District Course placed onto the EHS transcript, the course must be from an accredited program and be A-G approved.

Intent Form Window:

Open: 2/7/25 at 4:00pm

Close: 4/13/25 at 4:00pm **(If the intent form is not received by this time, you may not be placed in the preferred next course).**

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR STUDENTS WHO TAKE NON-DISTRICT COURSES

ACCREDITATION AGENCIES

UC accepts high school and college/university coursework from institutions accredited by one of the seven formerly regional accrediting agencies listed below:

1. Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE)
— Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools (MSA-CES)
2. New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)
— New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE)
3. The Higher Learning Commission (HLC), formerly North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
4. Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU)
5. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)
6. Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC)
7. Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)
— Accrediting Commission for Schools (ACS WASC)
— WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC)



- At the time of college applications, you will list each institution as a “high school attended” and submit official transcripts from each institution to each college to which you apply.

-A-G courses taken prior to the first day of 9th grade in subject areas other than Math (area C), Science (area D), and Language Other than English (area E), WILL NOT COUNT for graduation or college eligibility, and the course(s) will need to be repeated during high school to remain UC/CSU eligible and remain on track for graduation. For example, courses taken in History (area A), English (area B), Visual & Performing Arts (area F), and College Prep Electives (area G) prior to 9th grade (including the summer after 8th grade) will not count for UC/CSU college eligibility.



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