

Sequoia Union High School District Educational Services Department CODEX

2025-2026



The following is a compilation of agreements made amongst SUHSD school sites. This CODEX represents Curriculum & Instruction guidelines and was reviewed by the appropriate Subject Area Councils (SACs), Head and Lead Counselors, Instructional Vice Principals, Principals, and Superintendent Staff.

Each section addresses how schools will best serve students in the following programs or content areas. The CODEX sections are listed in the table of contents.

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BUILD

10th Grade BUILD Students should be enrolled in the Build Course with the no credit option: 029001 BUILD. At the end of the semester, teachers should submit the grade with the variable credits earned to the GIS for entry in the transcript. The Build course will not be posted directly on the transcript.

Carnegie Units

Students can earn an elective credit for every 15 hrs of seat time.

Course Withdrawal and the Required Number of Courses

If a student who is not a first-semester freshman or transfer student makes a level change after the add/drop date, then the withdrawal shows up with the WF/ WP on their transcript for the course they were in before. Ex: For AS Alg II → Alg II, the student gets WP or WF with the drop date on the transcript for AS Alg II.

9-11th graders must be enrolled in six classes.

12th graders must be enrolled in five classes.

Additionally, if a student with an IEP is recommended for a change in placement (e.g., transfer from general education setting to STARS), the IEP team will work with the Program Specialist and/or Coordinator to determine whether the student will receive a WP or WF for the dropped course(s).

Credit Allocation for High School Courses Taken Outside the School District

If a student takes an advanced high school course outside of the school district. The course from the sending school with the same title receives the same grade point average bump given by the receiving school. Courses that do not have the same title do not get the grade bump on the receiving school's GPA configuration. The title "Honors" from a sending school will be considered equivalent to "AS".

Credit Allocation for Transfer Students

Courses and credits earned must be listed on an incoming student's transcript to receive district credit. If a student transfers from another school, advanced courses from the sending school with the same title receive the same grade point average bump given by the receiving school. Courses that do not have the same title do not get the grade bump on the receiving school's GPA configuration. However, the title "Honors" will be considered equivalent to "AS".

Credit Allocation for International Transcripts

Courses and credits earned must be listed on an incoming student's transcript to receive district credit. The course titles on the high school transcript must appear as the original transcript. The students in the Class of 2025 and 2026 will receive grades of CR/NC on their transcript for all international grades reported on the original transcript. The students in the Class of 2027+ will receive the US grade equivalent (A-F) for all international grades reported on the original transcript.

Credit Allocation for Volunteer Work

Community Service is an option for students wishing to earn credit while making an unpaid contribution to their community. Students must receive approval for Community Service credit by completing the [Request for Community Service Form](#) prior to beginning community service. No retroactive credit can be earned. One (1) elective credit is earned for every 15 hours of satisfactory community service. A maximum of 10 elective credits may be applied toward meeting graduation requirements (BP 6142.4). Students will use the [SUHSD Community Service Log](#) to track their hours.

Credits Meeting Graduation Requirements

Please note that no course can be counted as meeting more than one graduation requirement.
(Note: This sentence originated in the first page of the CODEX, and was moved to this section.)

Credit Recovery

To be eligible for credit recovery, students must currently be enrolled.

During the school year, students must fail a class prior to their enrollment for credit recovery. In the event that a student drops a course and receives a WP or WF grade, the student will be allowed to recover the course in Edgenuity after the semester ends. Students who enroll in credit recovery are only allowed to take the courses that are offered at their school sites. Exceptions to this are made for students enrolled in the District's Independent Study, STARs and transfer students needing to meet a SUHSD requirement from a prior year(s). Students may take credit recovery to improve a grade during summer school. Same title courses are repeatable (D+ and below) regardless of the school site where the original grade was issued and as long as the course title is the same or means the same. Ex. English 9 vs. English I.

Courses should not be listed under a separate school entity. Credit recovery courses should appear as they do on the screenshot below.

The school sites will use the Edgenuity equivalent course name, not SUHSD's course name.

# Sequoia High School Edgenuity				
Course	Mark	Weight	Credit	
2021-2022 Grade 11 Term 4				
196882 Modern World History -	B	5.0000	5	
553316 A-IC				
196882 Modern World History -	B+	5.0000	5	
553316 B-IC				
Credit: 10.000 GPA: 3.000 U/W GPA: 3.000				

CTE or World Language 3+

Students who do not take a third level of world language must take a year of Career Technical Education to meet district graduation requirements.

DUAL ENROLLMENT (f/Concurrent Enrollment)

College Units

No college courses are given grade bumps in District gpa configurations, except for Middle College, Independent Study, EPAA, TIDE and Redwood which offer limited Honors/AS/AP/IB courses. College classes at Middle College, Independent Study, EPAA, TIDE and Redwood are those that are UCA-G transferable as these courses often replace the AP/IB option at their sites. The grade bump will be

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included in the GPA configuration for Middle College, Independent Study, EPAA, TIDE and Redwood students beginning in their first semester at one of these sites. Not, for instance, the summer before.

Semester system college unit equivalents for high school credit are as follows. The semester college unit equivalents must apply to all courses taken at the community colleges, including PE.

0.5 = 2.5 credits

1-3 = 5 credits

4+ = 10 credits

Quarter system college unit equivalents for high school credit are as follows:

All quarter system college unit equivalents for high school credit are the same value when transferring from college units to high school credit. (ex. 4=4)

Single Credit College Dual-Enrollment

With the exception of Middle College, Independent Study, EPAA, TIDE and Redwood, students may take a maximum of 40 approved credits through concurrent enrollment over the course of their high school career, with no more than 20 required course credits. Students may only take 10 of these credits in any given semester. Students are required to submit the [SUHSD Single Credit Dual Enrollment Form](#) prior to enrolling in the course and the student is required to submit an official transcript to the home school after they have completed the course. The college course will be listed on the SUHSD transcript. If the college course is UC transferable, a GPA bump will be calculated and displayed on the SUHSD transcript for students enrolled at Middle College, Independent Study, EPAA, TIDE, and Redwood only. Both the high school transcript AND the college transcript will need to be submitted with their college application. [This guideline applies to students who attended TIDE Academy during the 2025-2026 school year.](#)

Dual Credit College Dual-Enrollment and High School Credit Allocation

If a quarter system dual-enrolled course is offered during the entire fall or spring semester, students will earn 5-semester high school credits on their transcript. For semester system dual-enrolled courses, schools will follow the same semester system college unit equivalents as noted under “College Units.” Only the high school course will appear on the SUHSD transcript. When a student applies to college, they must list the college courses under the appropriate college name on their application and submit both the high school transcript and the college transcript with their application. If the college to which the student is applying awards a GPA bump for dual-enrolled courses completed with a C or better, they will include this bump in their GPA calculation.

Please visit [SUHSD Dual Enrollment Transcription: Single Credit vs. Dual Credit](#) for details about how to note single vs. dual credit on our transcripts.

Early Graduation Petition

Students wishing to graduate early must meet the criteria listed on the linked Early Graduation Petition, and complete the application: [Early Graduation Petition - English](#) or [Early Graduation Petition - Spanish](#)

Electives (60 units for graduation)

Any courses taken that are not used to meet District graduation requirements (noted in red, next to the title of each applicable subject area) are applied to the District’s 60 elective units requirement. Most

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students earn the bulk of these units by meeting UC A-G requirements for admission. Any courses taken beyond the minimum subject-area SUHSD graduation requirements count towards electives. Some examples include support classes, study skills, and the 3rd year of math and science.

Fifth-Year Senior Petition

Students wishing to stay a fifth year who are not sped., must meet the criteria listed on the linked Fifth Year Senior Petition, and complete the application: [Spanish](#) or [English](#)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (40 units for graduation)

Students must take four years of English. For most students, that will be benchmark level English I, II, III and IV or an honors level equivalent. ELD students must pass at least one UC A-G approved English class (ELA III or higher) to graduate. See [9th Grade ELA Placement Chart](#), the [SUHSD Transfer Placement Chart](#), and the [Intervention ELA and Intensive Exit Criteria](#) for placement throughout the school year.

Intensive Level (System 44)*

- Intervention ELA (System 44)
 - Students in Intervention ELA receive English credit for one period and elective credit for the other.
 - When students complete the System 44 curriculum, they will exit to English I or II Intensive.
 - Intervention ELA is a separate class (not part of English Intensive - Read 180)
 - Placement will be based on the current Sequoia Union High School District English placement chart
 - Sequoia Union High School District office will make every effort to obtain a Lexile score for all incoming 9th grade students who qualify per the English placement chart prior to the start of the school year.

English I/II Intensive (Read 180)

Students in English I/II Intensive receive college prep English credit for one period, which meets both English graduation and A-G requirements, and elective credit for the other, which also counts for graduation.

Academic Literacy

Academic Literacy offers support for US History and English III. It is for: 1) rising 11th graders who were enrolled in English II Intensive or Intervention ELA as 10th graders and did not exit by the end of 10th grade, and 2) rising 11th graders exiting ELD III.

NOTE: As the year progresses, students can test out of support classes when they obtain the needed scores for the next level of support or complete the support program.

Benchmark

- Benchmark classes are grade-level courses, English I, II, III, and IV(see placement chart for placement criteria). For placement throughout the school year, see the 9th Grade ELA Placement Chart, the SUHSD Transfer Placement Chart, and the Intervention ELA and Intensive Exit Criteria.

- Benchmark classes are heterogeneous and, at the 9th and 10th grade years, include some students who are in Strategic Support and some who are not. In the 11th grade, they include some students who are in Literacy Support.
- Students scoring in the strategic level will be enrolled in a benchmark class with an additional support class (see placement chart).
- Strategic Support is a support period for students in the benchmark English class who need additional help accessing the curriculum. It includes 50% English 3D (academic language in reading, writing, and speaking) and 50% direct support of the benchmark English class.
- Support classes will consist of students drawn from heterogeneous benchmark classes. The course could be taught by the same teacher or by a different teacher.

Advanced Classes

The following are guidelines for recommending AS placement*

- Student recognition of increased workload (including reading material above grade level, up to 30 pages of reading per night, and two-three page independent writing assignments) and willingness to engage in a more rigorous curriculum
- Teacher recommendation may be a factor for a higher placement but is not the sole determinant.

*Parents can recommend a higher placement for a student, even if the student does not meet the above criteria.

*Students must be aware that they will remain in an advanced course for the entire first semester.

English Learners*

For the most comprehensive report, see the [EL Master Plan](#). To view the protocol for the Identification, Assessment and Notification process for our English Learners, please [click here](#).

- English Learners who 1) placed into Intervention ELA and, 2) have been in the U.S. fewer than 4 years, and 3) have an ELPAC Summative Overall Proficiency Level 1, 2, or 3 will be placed in ELD I, II or III with support. An EL student is placed in core subjects according to academic level and not language ability.
- English Learners in mainstream classes should be clustered in concentrations of 25% - 30% of the entire class. (Exceptions - primary language or LEP classes).
- ELs in the general program (mainstream courses) are to receive Integrated ELD through research-based strategies (including, but not limited to, DII, CM, SDAIE, and language acquisition support).
- If EL students are not in ELD classes, they are placed according to the placement chart as any other student. See the [9th Grade ELA Placement Chart](#) and the [SUHSD Transfer Placement Chart](#).
- If EL students are in ELD classes, they are placed according to their language skills and may be temporarily placed in a sheltered course that addresses their English needs.
- Parents/guardians of new students who have been recommended for ELD I or II, and who reside in Carlmont's attendance area, may select any of the four comprehensive high schools. (Please note that this is only until Carlmont has enough enrollment to run its own sections)
- Students in ELD I, II or III take a two-hour block of ELD/ELA. The ELA class receives English credit and ELD receives elective credit.

- Curriculum for ELD: ELD/ELA 1: Get Ready/Get Reading - Vista Higher Learning; ELD /ELA 2: Edge Fundamentals / Q Skills; ELD /ELA 3: District-developed text-flexible instructional units linked with both ELA/ELD Standards supplemented by Systematic ELD units.
- The ELPAC (minimum State Standards) and a district-determined Lexile Score, or C- or better in a grade-level English class that meets the “B” UC A-G requirement, or a 430 College Readiness Benchmark as an 11th grader or 460 score as a senior, provide the basic skills criteria for reclassification. Teacher and parent input is also a required part of the process. Please see the [☰ Reclassification Criteria](#) for a more complete visual of reclassification requirements.
- Students may be reclassified at any time during the year upon achieving the minimum criteria (Lexile Score and Summative ELPAC) along with teacher/parent input. All ELs will be reviewed to determine new candidates at the beginning of the school year, late January (before ELPAC Summative is administered), and May or June if current-year Summative ELPAC scores are received prior to the end of the school year.
- English learners who have an IEP follow the same placement procedures on the placement chart. The IEP team makes the final decision.
- All English Learners not in the course called “ELD” will receive Designated ELD through their core English class.
- If EL students receive primary language instruction in a course, the teacher needs a BCLAD. ELs receive core content from EL-authorized teachers.
- Students must take at least one UCA-G English course before graduating. This means they will take one of the following: ELA III, English Intensive, English I, II, III or IV benchmark or honors level equivalent.
- AB2121 eligible students need only 30 credits of English and these units do not need to include ELA III.

The Categorical Staff at the District Office will be responsible for updating and maintaining the LEP function in Infinite Campus.

MATHEMATICS (20 units for graduation)

Students must take a minimum of two years of math, including Algebra I or Algebra II. At Sequoia High School, students must also complete geometry. Students required to repeat a math course will still earn elective credit for the original course.

Grade 9

9th Grade Math Placement Chart

- Incoming 9th graders who took any 8th grade math course lower than Algebra I will be placed in Algebra I or its equivalent
- Incoming 9th graders who took Algebra I or any year-long HS equivalent in 8th grade will be placed in Geometry or its equivalent
- Incoming 9th graders who took Geometry or any year-long HS equivalent in 8th grade will be placed in Algebra II or its equivalent
- Incoming 9th graders who took Algebra II or any year-long HS equivalent in 8th grade will be placed in Pre-Calculus or its equivalent
- Students in Algebra I
 - If a student in Algebra fails the first semester of Algebra I but passes the 2nd semester, he/she will have completed the Algebra requirement by validation but still must complete an additional 15 credits of Math for graduation

- o Students in Algebra I will be grouped heterogeneously.

Grades 10-12

Students' math placement will be placed based on prior year math grade and input from the teacher of the prior grade.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (20 units for graduation)

Grade 9

- All 9th-graders are required to be enrolled in Physical Education I at their school site, and grades will be based on performance in all units.
- All 9th-graders take the Physical Fitness Test (PFT) each year. As of the 2021-2022 school year, the PFT has paused reporting pass rates for standards measured on the PFT. Therefore, prior requirements of passing the PFT to waive PE are no longer applicable.
 - All students will need to take PE 2 in the 10th grade unless they are enrolled in a sport.
- Comprehensive sites that offer 9th grade dance may allow 9th graders to take dance in place of PE I may allow 9th graders to take dance in place of PE I. The dance class must meet the PE I Standards.
- All 9th-graders participating in a school-sponsored athletic team will earn 3.5 elective credits per sport. Credits cannot be counted towards meeting the PE graduation requirement.
- All 9th-graders participating in a school-sponsored competitive dance or cheer team will earn 3.5 elective credits per semester. Credits cannot be counted towards meeting the PE graduation requirement.

Grade 10

- All 10th-graders are required to be enrolled in Physical Education 2 unless they are enrolled in a school-sponsored athletic team, competitive dance or cheer team. This includes students with IEPs.
- 10th grade students may fulfill their PE requirement in the following ways: (1) take PE 2 or an equivalent school-sponsored course (example: weight training, dance, or conditioning), (2) complete three seasons on a high school-sponsored athletic team (3.5 credits per season) during 10th-12th grade, (3) participate in three semesters (3.5 credits per semester) of a competitive dance team or competitive cheer team during 10th-12th grade, or (4) any combination of the above.
- Students fulfilling their 10th grade PE requirement through high school athletics, competitive dance or competitive cheer must remain on the roster for the entire athletic season. If removed from the roster at any point during the season for academic or disciplinary reasons the student athlete will NOT receive credit.
- All courses listed under PE 2, must meet the PE 2 Standards and grades will be based on performance in all units.

SCIENCE (20 units for graduation)

Physical and Life Science

All students will take a year of physical science and a year of life science.

Grade 9

- All 9th graders will be enrolled in a UC A-G approved science course. [Ninth Grade Science Placement Chart](#)
- [Click here](#) for the 9th grade UC A-G approved science courses at each site. All students are required to take two years of science: one must be physical and the other life. If the student is graduating from an alternative program, they still need life and physical lab science but not the UC designation.

SOCIAL STUDIES (37.5 units for graduation)**Grade 9**

Beginning in the fall of 2021, all ninth graders are enrolled in Life Skills for Q1, followed by Ethnic Studies I Q2 and Ethnic Studies 2 in Semester 2. Life Skills is a graduation requirement for all students not enrolled at EPAA. [Click here](#) to view the 9th grade social studies placement chart. Ethnic Studies in Q2 receives social studies credits for Graduation, while the Semester 2 Ethnic Studies course receives both social studies credit for graduation and A-G credit towards the UC/CSU requirements.

All students placed in Life Skills, ES I, and ES2 are heterogeneously grouped. There are no “advanced” levels of Life Skills, ES1 and ES2.

Grade 10

All tenth graders will be placed into World History or AP World History (based on student preference).

Grade 11

All 11th graders will be enrolled in US History, AP US History (M-A and Woodside and Carlmont) or IB History of the Americas (Sequoia). Enrollment in accelerated courses is based on student preference and other multiple measures, including teacher recommendation.

Grade 12

Students meet graduation requirements in Social Studies with enrollment in Government and Economics for one semester each or an accelerated analogue course such as AP Government or AP Econ (Carlmont) and IB 20th Century Topics (Sequoia) based on 11th grade social studies grade, student preference, and teacher recommendation.

*Students who were in Intensive and Intervention English classes prior to fall, 2021 are exempted from the World Studies 2 requirement and need only 30 units of Social Studies credit for graduation.

SPECIAL EDUCATION**Co-Teaching**

1. A rubric to determine which students with IEPs need co-teaching has been developed. Special education departments at all comprehensive sites will use it to place students into co-taught sections based on the district’s ELA and Math placement charts.
2. A common prep period for co-teaching pairs will be part of each school’s Master Schedule.
3. Limit co-teaching to two (2) co-taught periods for all teachers (General Ed and Special Ed teachers). One subject/discipline for each SPED educator is preferred. In consultation with the

SDTA, any variation to this assignment must be requested by the teachers in writing to the IVP and documented if approved.

4. General Education teachers will have no more than one pure co-teaching partnership—if more periods are needed, the Special Education teacher could assist in a support capacity. In consultation with the SDTA, the teachers must request any variation to this assignment in writing to the IVP and document it if approved.
5. In all mainstream classes, no more than 1/3 of the students should have an IEP. In general education courses, if the percentage of students with an IEP needing a course is greater than 1/3, the distribution of students must be comparable across sections.
6. Modified grades will be indicated by “M” for district students (Gen Ed, 504, SPED, etc.) whose curriculum requires significant modification. These grades will not be UC A-G qualifying credits. Procedures, rubrics, and forms for awarding modified grades were developed in 2013-2014.
7. Special Education mild to moderate case managers will be provided with a .2 FTE release time for case management duties. Those case managers whose assignment is entirely within the ILS, STARS and TRACE programs will be provided with up to six (6) release days and \$1,000 per semester rather than the .2 FTE release.
8. Co-teaching assignments are made by the administration, using the students’ needs and appropriate teaching credentials as criteria.
9. In the SUHSD, co-teaching is sharing the instructional delivery of content, differentiation, planning and assessment of student performance.

Taking Courses for Initial Credit Via Edgenuity

The request from the sped. case manager will go to the IVP who will send it on to the Executive Director of Special Education. After a discussion with the Associate Superintendent of Ed. Services, a response to the request will be sent to the IVP.

Alternative Placements for Students with IEPs

Student Placement at Redwood High School

Referrals go through the Director of Student Services and a computer program tracks students who qualify. The list has both special education and general education students. Once a student with an IEP is on the list, the team needs to hold an IEP meeting at the School of Residence (SOR) and Redwood attends the SOR to determine one of the following:

1. The student is making progress but still requires special education services to access the curriculum.
2. The student is making no progress towards IEP goals; team determines needs of student best met @ SOR.
3. The student is making no progress towards IEP goals; team recommends placement at Redwood.

4. The student does not need special education services in the alternative setting to access and make progress in the general education curriculum. This can be determined by grades, curriculum-based assessment, etc.

It should be noted that if a student is not attending the SOR or Redwood, the case manager uses the 3 letter method to hold an IEP meeting. These letters need to be attached in SEIS as documentation of the intervention.

A District Special education person (program specialist, i.e.) must be in attendance @ the IEP meeting where Redwood services are discussed.

It should be noted that if a student is not attending the SOR or Redwood, the case manager uses the 3 letter method to hold an IEP meeting. These letters need to be attached in SEIS as documentation of the intervention.

A District Special education person (program specialist, e.g.) must attend the IEP meeting where Redwood services are discussed. The IEP will be the orientation meeting for any student going to Redwood as part of the transition.

The Redwood case manager notifies the SOR case manager and District SEIS Specialist, when the student has arrived.

Student Placement at Independent Studies

Referrals go through the Attendance and Welfare Specialist. An IEP is held within 30 days to determine the level of support the student needs. The SOR is still responsible for the student so the SOR case manager needs to attend the IEP meeting, which should take place at the SOR or District Office. Options at 30-day review:

1. Making progress but needs a little bit of special education services.
2. Making no progress; needs to return to SOR for special education services.
3. Does not need special education services in the new setting to access and make progress in the general education curriculum. This can be determined by grades, attendance, and curriculum-based assessment.

Student Placement at Home-Hospital Instruction

This is handled the same way as general education students, but the HH office can find a teacher with a special education credential to work with students.

Student Placement from Non-Public School/Residential Treatment Center Placements

Time frame: 4 weeks

For a description of the SUSHD Model to Support Students with Emotional Disabilities in Special Education, please visit:

<https://drive.google.com/a/seq.org/file/d/0Bxu37cxIGfpPeDZTcTI2TTctOGc/view?usp=sharing>

1. The district representative is invited to an IEP meeting to discuss student transition. The district representative will obtain releases to collect and exchange information from the student's current placement/service providers and obtain a copy of the current IEP.
2. Whomever first learns of the incoming student (most commonly the Welfare and Attendance Advisor, Program Specialist, Sped. Coordinator or School Counselor) will immediately contact the *Special Education Director. The Special Education Director will then immediately inform the school of residence VP in charge of Special Ed, or the site that will receive the student if a specific set of services are needed that the school of residence is not able to provide.
3. The District representative schedules a site meeting to discuss the student and confirm the date for MHSC to conduct observation at the facility. (Release given to MHSC/Program Specialist. MHSC/Program Specialist faxes release to facility clinician). District representative to provide a copy of the IEP to the site team.
4. After initial observation, the MHSC/Program Specialist contacts the facility clinician to discuss the student's needs. MHSC will continue to gather relevant information for assessment/treatment planning purposes.
5. The district representative will notify the site Department chair, MHSC, and AVP (Sped) about the student and provide an update on whether the student is ready to transition back to a comp. site (the District representative will provide contact information for the facility and parents).
6. The district representative will collaborate with the site team to arrange a meeting at the facility to establish a baseline of mental health, health, and special education needs (the Team will obtain emergency contact information and a transcript).
7. The Site Team will create a calendar of scheduled visits for the student to visit comp. sites in collaboration with the facility and parents. The site team will share the calendar with the District representative, the facility, the parents, and the AVP (SPED). The district representative will inform the facility and parents that the student is to be accompanied at all times during visits unless shadowing.
 - If a student is not ready, the District representative will collaborate with the facility in regards to the readiness of the student.
- 8 District representative will inform the student's parents of the steps to enroll/register (end of 2nd week)
 - Provide address verification paperwork
 - Provide enrollment process form
 - Have parents complete the process during the 2nd week of transition (be aware of stay put provision).
 - The student will meet with AVP (SPED) as part of enrollment.
- 9) Visits
 - Minimum of 1 visit per week. We would like to see 2 visits if possible.
 - The student will be accompanied at all times during observations and initial visit by facility staff.
 - Placement testing and review of transcript to determine academic level.
 - MHSC/Program Specialist continues to collaborate with all relevant treatment members/family.
 - MHSC/Program Specialist coordinates transition/termination sessions with assigned facility clinician.
 - MHSC makes sure the site or placement has the student's cum folder.
- 10) 30-day review held by assigned case manager with Program Specialist in attendance.

Scope/Sequence and Course of Study for Certificate of Achievement

Scope:

English	40
Math	20
Social Science	30
Science	20
Life Skills	5
Health	5
PE	20
Electives	80
Total Credits	22

Sequence:

Grade 9	Course with Course #	Credits
English	Practical English (617002)	10
Math	Practical Math (617102)	10
Social Science	Practical Social Science (617302)	10
Science	Practical Science (617202)	10
Life Skills (Sem 1)	Life Skills (617400)	5
Health (Sem 2)	Personal Health (617200)	5
PE or APE	PE or APE	10
Total		60
Grade 10	Course with Course #	Credits
English	Applied English (617000)	10
Math	Functional Math (617100)	10
Social Science	Social Science History Community (617301)	10
Science	Community Science (617201)	10
PE or APE	PE or APE	10
Elective		10
Total		60

Grade 11	Course with Course #	Credits
English	Community English (617001)	10
Social Science	Social Science History Consumer (617300)	10
Elective	Voc Ed. (616300)	10
Elective		10
Elective		10
Total		50
Grade 12	Course with Course #	Credits
English	Community Resources (617401)	10
Elective		10
Total		50
Total Credits		220

*If you are unsure whether a student falls into the NPS/RTC category, contact the Executive Director of Special Education.

Study Abroad

Unless studying in an American school using the American grading system, district students who study abroad will receive credit/no credit on their letter grades on their district transcript, per AR 5121. Students shall be responsible for submitting transcripts to other educational institutions for the purpose of determining any grades for such courses. Students must provide an official transcript to their home school counseling office from the study abroad institution they attended. Note: This will become in effect starting in the 26-27 school year.

Subject Area Council Norms

Each site has one voting subject area council member, filled by the department chair or a delegate if a department chair is unavailable. Others may attend the SAC, but unless they have been invited prior to the meeting to speak (which must be proposed by a SAC member and approved by the administrator assigned to the SAC), they are only allowed to observe, not participate.

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Summer School

Students may drop or be dropped from a summer school class without academic penalty.

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS (10 credits)

All students must complete one year of visual or performing art for graduation.

WORLD LANGUAGES

9th-grade placement

- 9th grade students who take World Language are placed in level I unless they have successfully completed World Language in middle school or they are a native speaker in the language of choice.
- Placement in level II or higher is based on various factors, including, but not limited to, 8th grade teacher recommendation, consultation with home high school's world language department chair, number of years previously enrolled in course, and site-specific assessments of Native Speakers.

10th -12th grade placement

- 10th -12th-grade placement is based on successful completion of the previous level, student/parent input, and teacher recommendation.
- Native speakers who are not enrolled in a world language in the freshman year will be assessed for proper placement in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade years.
- Students who fail World Language courses in ninth grade may repeat the course or recover credits to meet A-G requirements through enrollment in a community college or an accredited institution.

SUHSD Procedures for Assurances and Innovations

Assurances

1. Everyone follows the CODEX
2. As innovations are approved, the CODEX reflects these changes
3. When exceptions are made for a site because of student numbers, this must be reflected in the CODEX

Innovations

This protocol applies to site-generated innovations. There are other processes for District and Board initiatives.

1. If a department wishes to propose a pilot, they must create a proposal that includes:
 1. The challenge the proposal will attempt to address, including data that confirms the challenge exists.
 2. The proposal to meet the challenge and why they think it is a solution
 3. The data to be used to determine how the proposal fared
 4. How the site will decide which students on their site will be in the control group and which will be in the pilot group
 5. How the pilot will address students with IEPs.
 6. The pre- and post-assessment will be given to both control and pilot students to compare outcomes.
2. The department will take their proposed pilot to their principal for approval. If the principal agrees to the pilot, it will then move to district-wide councils. At any of the three council levels, a strong consensus must be reached for the pilot to move to the next council. If a strong consensus is not reached, the proposed pilot goes to the Superintendent's Staff to determine whether or not the pilot moves on to the next council for consideration. The councils that need to approve a pilot for it to go to the Board for final approval are:
 1. Subject Area Council for the subject in which the pilot is proposed (NOTE: if said proposal will impact enrollment in another subject area, the pilot must be approved by both SACs)
 2. Instructional Vice Principal Council
 3. Principals Council
 - Pilots for the following year must be approved by the end of January
 - A report to each of the three councils that approved the pilot must be made in January of the school year in which the pilot is implemented
 - The decision as to whether a pilot becomes the district-wide norm, is tried for a second year, or is not adopted must be made by January.
 - A pilot is for a maximum of two years
