

RULE – POLICY NO. 343.42
ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES FOR AWARDING HIGH SCHOOL
CREDIT FOR YOUTH OPTIONS PROGRAM COURSES

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1. The high school principal will recommend to the Board the amount of high school credit to be given for a Youth Options Program course prior to the student's enrollment in the course. The Administration shall use the same criteria for evaluating Youth Options Program courses taken for high school credit as the District does in approving courses offered in the District for credit towards graduation.
2. High school credit will be awarded for those courses taken through the Youth Options Program if they meet any of the District's graduation requirements and any of the following conditions apply:
 - a. Credit will be awarded for courses taken that are complementary to, consistent with or expand on a course of study or sequence of courses offered at Lodi High School.
 - b. Credit will be awarded for those courses that expand the opportunity for a student to move to another level of academic or vocational course of study.
 - c. Credit will be awarded for those courses that meet or exceed the same standards for rigor and content as other courses approved by but not offered by the District for credit toward graduation.
 - d. Credit will be awarded for those courses that support rather than prevent a student from completing high school graduation requirements.
3. If a Youth Options Program course is approved, high school credit shall be granted per one semester credit offered by the course.
4. High school credit may be denied for a Youth Options Program course that repeats the postsecondary course content in a class/course the student has already taken and failed.
5. Except as otherwise provided, high school credit may be denied for a Youth Options Program course if the District offers a comparable course. High school credit will be given for comparable postsecondary courses taken at a technical college that the District is required to pay for under law.
6. High school credit may be denied for a course if it repeats the course content for which a student has already received a passing grade and high school credit.

7. In order to receive high school credit for a course taken under the Youth Options Program, a student must successfully complete the course and receive a passing grade.
8. Courses taken through Technical Colleges
Courses taken at a technical college as part of the Youth Options Program shall be paid for as follows:
 - a. If the course is taken for high school credit and the course is not comparable to a course offered in the district, the Board shall pay as required by law.
 - b. If the course is taken for high school credit, the course is comparable to a course offered in the district and the student is attending a technical college for less than 10 credits during any semester, the student shall pay as required by law. If the course is taken for high school credit, the course is comparable to a course offered in the district and the student is attending a technical college for 10 or more credits during any semester, the Board shall pay as required by law.
 - c. If the course is taken for postsecondary credit only, the student shall pay as required by law.
 - d. If the student is a child with disabilities, the Board shall also pay the costs of any special services required for the student as determined jointly by the District and technical college. The district may refuse to permit a child with a disability to attend if it determines that the cost to the district would impose an undue financial burden on the district.

Students attending a technical college under the Youth Options Program shall be responsible for their own transportation costs.

9. Courses Taken Through Institutions of Higher Education
Any 11th or 12th grade student may apply to attend an institution of higher education under the Youth Options Program for the purpose of taking one or more nonsectarian courses in accordance with state law.

The Board shall determine whether the institution of higher education course(s) is comparable to a course offered in the district, whether it satisfies any graduation requirements and what, if any, high school credits are to be awarded to the student. If a student is not satisfied with the Board's decisions, he/she may appeal to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

