

## **CHALLENGE OF COURSES BY EXAMINATIONS**

The Governing Board recognizes the occasional need to allow students in Grades 9-12 to take examinations which assist in the proper placement of students in the course of study.

The examination given to students under this policy shall be a comprehensive examination which shall cover all of the objectives of the course being challenged. Successful completion of the examination shall be at a level which indicates mastery of the content and/or reasonable chance for success in the next higher course.

Students in Grades 9-12 who wish to challenge a course by examination must file a request with the principal or his designated representative no later than three weeks before the semester in which such a course would be taken. Challenge course examinations must be taken and graded before the beginning of the semester. Entering ninth grade students and new enrollees must file a request and take the examination within two weeks of the time of initial entry to high school classes.

The challenge examination may be offered to requesting students when the course to be challenged is part of a sequence of courses normally taken in specific order or when the course to be challenged is normally required for graduation.

1. Students may challenge no more than three courses (15 units) which meet graduation requirements during their enrollment in high school. While successful challenge will exempt a student from those specific courses required for graduation, the student is still responsible for the total units required for graduation.
2. Students may not challenge courses which include extensive activity, such as industrial arts, art, homemaking, and physical education.
3. Students may not challenge specific courses required for graduation by the State.
4. Students challenging courses in a subject area required for graduation by the state will not be exempt from the total number of semester units required by the state for graduation.

Examinations shall be developed by teachers of the subject and standardized for all high schools. The examination shall be scored by a teacher of the subject and the results reported to the principal who shall certify successful or unsuccessful challenge to the student and parents.

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Successful completion of a challenge examination shall be noted in the student's records but credit will not be granted towards high school graduation.

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

*51225.3 Requirements for graduation beginning 1986-87 school year*

*52017 Secondary school; additional inclusion in (school improvement) plan*