

West Contra Costa Unified School District
Office of the Superintendent

Friday Memo
June 7, 2019

Upcoming Events – Matthew Duffy

June 8: El Cerrito High Graduation Ceremony, Richmond Auditorium, 11:00 AM
June 8: Greenwood/Gateway/Vista High Graduation Ceremony, Richmond Auditorium, 3:00 PM
June 8: Hercules High Graduation Ceremony, Football Field, 6:00 PM
June 10: Summer Food Service Program Kick-Off, Nutrition Center, 11:00 - 1:30
June 11: Solutions Team, UTR Office, 11:00 - 2:00
June 12: Board of Education Meeting, DeJean, 6:30 PM
June 15: Richmond Juneteenth Parade & Festival, 10:00 AM
June 17: Summer School Starts
June 18: Governance Committee, Alvarado Room 1, 6:00 PM

Upcoming Agenda Items - June 12 - Matt Duffy

Budget Hearing
LCAP Hearing

Next Week's Board Meeting - Matt Duffy

Closed Session for the June 12 meeting will begin at 5:30 PM.

Agenda Item on Board Policy 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements - Gracie Guerrero

Coming to the Board of Education on June 12, 2019 is a first reading of [Board Policy 6146.1](#) listing the proposed revisions for High School Graduation Requirements. Key changes include revisions to foreign language, social science, and service learning requirements to increase the college and career readiness and District graduation rates.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Literacy Focus for 2019-2020 and Invitation to Literacy: Every Moment...Every Day - Gracie Guerrero

Access to books has been proven to be the equalizer and help minimize and eliminate the achievement gap. In 2019-2020 we will enhance our focus on literacy so that our scholars experience reading every day across content areas. To kick-off our focus, please join us on June 18 at DeAnza HS for a all-about literacy event. Special thanks to Trustee Lara for championing this initiative.

Search for Next CBO and Associate Superintendent Facilities/M&O/Bond - Matt Duffy

Both positions are currently posted and close on the 28th of June. We are currently in talks with School Services of California to conduct a wider CBO search for no cost except travel expenses. That decision is still TBD.

High School Graduation Requirements

Course Requirements

The Governing Board desires to prepare each student to obtain a diploma of high school graduation in order to provide students with opportunities for postsecondary education and/or employment.

Course Requirements

Students shall receive diplomas of graduation from high school only after completing the prescribed course of study and meeting the standards of proficiency established by the district and the state. Students must have 225 credits in order to graduate.

The prescribed course of study for students in grades 9 through 12 shall include (Education Code [51225.3](#)):

Effective July 1, 2007 2014:

<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Required Credits</u>
English Language Arts	40 credits
Mathematics	30 credits
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Including 10 credits of Algebra I or above• 10 credits may be for an A-G approved computer science course in category "C"
Science	20 credits
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biological Science (10)• Physical Science (10)
Social Science	40 30 credits
	Beginning with the class of 2018 (30 if student opts out of Cultural Geography)
	• Cultural Geography (10)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World History (10)• U.S. History (10)• Government (5)• Economics (5)
Physical Education	20 credits
Fine Arts	10 credits
World Language	10 credits
	(Fine Arts, World Language or CTE Course with 10 credits each in 2 of the 3 areas for an alternative transcript)

Elective (A - G) 10 credits

~~Beginning with the class of 2018-10 credits of an A-G approved course if student opts out of Cultural Geography~~

Electives 55 credits

~~Service Learning~~

~~Add First Aid and CPR Health Requirement beginning with the graduating class of 2021(Education Code - EDC § 49413)~~

TOTAL 225 credits

Because the prescribed course of study may not accommodate the needs of some students, the Governing Board shall provide alternative means for the completion of prescribed courses in accordance with the law.

The Superintendent or designee shall exempt or waive specific course requirements for foster youth, homeless students, and children of military families in accordance with Education Code [51225.1](#) and [49701](#).

Certificate of Completion

A student with a disability who (1) has satisfactorily completed a prescribed alternative course of study approved by the Governing Board and identified in his/her individualized education program ("IEP"); (2) has met his/her IEP goals and objectives during high school as determined by his/her IEP team; or (3) has satisfactorily attended high school, participated in the instruction as prescribed in his/her IEP, and has met the objectives of the statement of transition services contained in his/her individualized transition plan in his/her IEP, shall be issued a Certificate of Completion if they are unable to meet district graduation requirements with accommodations. Certificates of Completion require the signature of the Director of Special Services and the Superintendent. No student who is able to earn a high school diploma prior to his/her twenty-second birthday may also earn a Certificate of Completion.

Diploma Requirements

Students transferring within the district must complete the last semester in the school in order to obtain a diploma from that school.

Foreign exchange students may receive honorary diplomas pursuant to Education Code [51225.5](#).

Retroactive Diplomas

Until July 31, 2018, any student who completed grade 12 in the 2003-04 school year or a subsequent school year and has met all applicable graduation requirements other than the passage of the high school exit examination shall be granted a high school diploma. (Education Code [60851.6](#))

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

47612 Enrollment in charter school

48200 Compulsory attendance

48412 Certificate of proficiency

48430 Continuation education schools and classes

48645.5 Acceptance of coursework

48980 Required notification at beginning of term

49701 Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

51224 Skills and knowledge required for adult life

51224.5 Algebra instruction

51225.1 Exemption from district graduation requirements

51225.2 Pupil in foster care defined; acceptance of coursework, credits, retaking of course

51225.3 High school graduation

51225.35 Mathematics course requirements; computer science

51225.36 Instruction in sexual harassment and violence; districts that require health education for graduation

51225.5 Honorary diplomas; foreign exchange students

51228 Graduation requirements

51240-51246 Exemptions from requirements

51250-51251 Assistance to military dependents

51410-51412 Diplomas

51420-51427 High school equivalency certificates

51450-51455 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

51745 Independent study restrictions

56390-56392 Recognition for educational achievement, special education

60851.5 Suspension of high school exit examination

60851.6 Retroactive diploma; completion of all graduation requirements except high school exit examination

66204 Certification of high school courses as meeting university admissions criteria

67386 Student safety; affirmative consent standard

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

1600-1651 Graduation of students from grade 12 and credit toward graduation

COURT DECISIONS

O'Connell v. Superior Court (Valenzuela), (2006) 141 Cal.App.4th 1452

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, High School: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/g/hs>

University of California, List of Approved a-g Courses:

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/freshman/requirements>

Policy WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

adopted: June 6, 2007 Richmond, California

revised: June 18, 2008

revised: May 14, 2014

revised: April 27, 2016

revised: TBD board approval

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JUNE 18, 2019

LITERACY: EVERY

MOMENT...EVERY

DAY!

WCCUSD Literacy Kick-Off

Come join us as we kick-off our inaugural literacy day! It is open to all interested EC-12th grade educators and community. Enjoy renowned speakers and choice sessions. Lunch will be provided.

[Register](#)



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Former San Pablo
Mayor Genoveva
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**Keynote: Gene Kern
Why Reading Growth
Flatlines and What
You Can Do About It**

**General Session:
Dave Fendel-Trauma
Informed Practices**

**Choice of concurrent
literacy sessions**

DE ANZA HIGH SCHOOL

Auditorium
5000 Valley View Road
El Sobrante, CA 94803

8:00 AM-3:30 PM