

AB 1330 (Furutani): CTE Course Option for Graduation

The passage of AB 1330 (Furutani) adds the completion of a course in career technical education (CTE), as an alternative to the California high school graduation requirement that a pupil complete a course in visual or performing arts or foreign language. This law creates an option for local education agencies (LEAs) beginning in the 2012-13 school year.

For LEAs looking for guidance implementing changes in response to this law, it is important to note that the bill does not require a governing board to adopt this option, nor does it require a board that does not currently offer CTE courses to create new programs. Additionally, once an LEAs begin offering the option, it may elect to stop offering the option at any time.

Option Created in AB 1330

The governing board of an LEA *may* elect this option if it:

1. Provides parents, teachers, students and the public with specific information at a regular public meeting of the board regarding:
 - a. The intent to offer this option
 - b. The impact offering these courses will have on the availability of courses which meet University of California and California State University admission requirements
 - c. Whether the courses approved satisfy the admission requirements of the University of California and California State University
 - d. The differences between district and state high school graduation requirements and the University of California and California State University admission requirements
2. Includes in existing high school notification requirements information about how each graduation requirement of the district satisfies, or does not satisfy, college admission requirements.
3. Includes in existing high school notification requirements a list of career technical education courses offered by the school district that includes which, if any, university admission requirements each meets.
4. Reports required information to the CDE regarding use of the program, including the reasons pupils give for choosing to enroll in CTE courses to satisfy the graduation requirement.

Definition of "Career Technical Education"

CTE courses that may be substituted for the existing one year-long course requirement in visual or performing arts or foreign language must meet the following definition:

"A course in career technical education" means a course in a district-operated career

technical education program that is aligned to the career technical model curriculum standards and framework adopted by the state board, including courses through a regional occupational center or program operated by a county superintendent of schools or pursuant to a joint powers agreement.

The CTE model standards and framework are available [here](#).

Sunset on authority

The authority for districts to use the CTE course option is currently set to end in 2016-17. The legislature will consider extending the option after reviewing information gathered by the CDE.

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