Cache County School District

Policy Series 4000: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Policy No. 4900

High School Graduation and Credit Earning

The Cache County School District Board of Education is committed to ensuring that every student has access to a rigorous and meaningful pathway toward earning a high school diploma and preparing for college, career, and responsible citizenship.

The Board recognizes that students demonstrate learning and earn credit through a variety of educational experiences. The district shall provide opportunities for students to earn credit and satisfy graduation requirements through approved coursework, demonstrated competency, transfer credit, concurrent enrollment, credit recovery, and other methods authorized by law.

The district shall award a high school diploma to students who satisfy all state and district graduation requirements. Students who complete their educational program but do not satisfy diploma requirements may be eligible for a certificate of completion as provided by law and district procedures.

The board directs schools to provide students with counseling, academic planning, intervention, and support services to assist students in meeting graduation requirements and developing a Plan for College and Career Readiness.

The board recognizes that students have unique educational needs, interests, and goals. Graduation pathways and credit-earning opportunities may be individualized when consistent with state law, board policy, and district procedures. Modifications for students with disabilities shall be determined through the Individualized Education Program process in accordance with applicable state and federal law.

The Superintendent shall establish and maintain administrative procedures governing:

1) graduation requirements, diploma, and certificate eligibility;
2) awarding and acceptance of credit;
3) demonstrated competency and mastery-based credit;
4) credit recovery;
5) course grade forgiveness;
6) early graduation;
7) transfer credit and transcript evaluation;
8) graduation ceremonies; and
9) other graduation-related matters necessary to implement this policy and comply with state law and Utah State Board of Education requirements.

Legal References:

Utah Code § 53E-3-501
Utah Code § 53E-4-202
Utah Code § 53G-7-206
Utah Code § 53G-9-803
USBE Rule R277-700
USBE Rule R277-705
USBE Rule R277-702
USBE Rule R277-722

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