
PREFACE

The California Education Code requires that “the governing board of every school district ... prepare and ... keep on file for public inspection the courses of study prescribed for the schools under its jurisdiction” (§ 51040). The San Diego Unified School District responds to this directive by publishing annually the district *Course of Study, K-12*. The publication results from collaboration between district curriculum subject-area departments, various instructional programs, the district legal office, and the Standards, Assessment, and Accountability Division of the Office of the Deputy Superintendent.

In addition to meeting a legal requirement, the *Course of Study, K-12* serves as an important single source of information about the district’s educational programs, including elementary school instructional programs, secondary school course descriptions and articulation, and approved instructional materials. It also brings together in one place material on state and district requirements, district cross-curricular programs, special education programs, student assessment, and more. Such information is of value to the Board of Education; district teachers, administrators, and counselors; parents and community members; and college/university professors and students of education.

This year’s edition of the *Course of Study* includes extensive information on post-secondary options for each of the dozens of career pathways within the 15

industry sectors outlined in the Career Technical Education section. A new course sequence for ESL instruction at the middle-school level is introduced in the English Language Development section. This year’s edition also includes extensive updates to the assessment section and revisions to the magnet programs.

The *Course of Study, K-12* describes courses and instructional sequences adopted districtwide, as well as any districtwide pilot courses or programs. As in previous years, *District Pilot and Site-Adopted Courses: A Supplement to the Course of Study, K-12* (Item No. 3470), provides a centralized source of information about district school-site pilot courses and site-adopted courses.

The entire *Course of Study* is available on the district’s website in pdf format:

studata.sandi.net/cos/

The supplement is available as well:

studata.sandi.net/cos/supp/

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