

Subject: Resolution No. 95-26A2

Permitting JROTC Students to Utilize Independent Study to Obtain Physical Education Credit

- Commissioners Norman Yee and Jane Kim

WHEREAS: California Education Code section 51225.3(b) states that school district governing boards, with the active involvement of parents, administrators, teachers, and pupils, shall adopt alternative means for pupils to complete the prescribed course of study which may include practical demonstration of skills and competencies, supervised work experience or other outside school experience, career technical education classes offered in high schools, courses offered by regional occupational centers or programs, interdisciplinary study, independent study, and credit earned at a postsecondary institution; and

WHEREAS: The San Francisco Board of Education believes that it is in the best interests of the District and its students to provide flexibility in meeting course requirements, and to allow students the opportunity to explore a wide variety of interests and experiences during their school years; and

WHEREAS: Students interested in taking JROTC are sometimes limited in their ability to take such courses due to the limited time during the school day.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District modifies its Independent Study Policy 6102.6, to add a third type of Independent Study option under the "General Provisions" section on the policy, to include students taking a JROTC course may satisfy their physical education course requirements through independent study; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Education requests the Superintendent to develop an Administrative Regulation to implement this policy. Such regulation shall address the following issues, in addition to any other issues identified by the Superintendent: (1) determining how students will document that they meet the same standards for physical activity required for students in PE classes ; (2) requiring that the content covered by independent study will support an overall 9-12 course of study at the relevant school site that substantially meets the standards outlined in California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 10006; (3) ensuring that students will have the ability to take the Fitnessgram at their school site, administered by a certificated staff person trained to administer the test and with any necessary equipment or resources; (4) identifying how to provide general supervision of the independent study as required by Education Code Section 51747.5(a); (5) identifying accountability measures, including the minimum requirement that JROTC students will be required to enroll in a physical education course at their school site if they fail the Fitnessgram in 9th and 10th grade; and

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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education requests that the Superintendent and staff shall develop a physical education independent study option for students in the JROTC programs that meets the requirements of the Administrative Regulation described above, and that JROTC stakeholders will be consulted in the development of this program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Education requests that this independent study option shall be developed by August 2009, and that the independent study option shall be available to JROTC students beginning in the 2009-2010 academic year; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education requires that a JROTC instructor at each school site must hold the necessary certification to enable them to provide general supervision of the independent study program as required by Education Code Section 51747.5, which requires a valid teaching credential issued by the State Board of Education or the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing, or an emergency credential pursuant to Section 44300, registered as required by law, and that such certification must be obtained by the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That if the JROTC instructor(s) do not obtain the necessary certification by the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year, the physical education independent study option for JROTC students shall terminate immediately at each school site where there is not at least one JROTC instructor who has obtained the necessary certification; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education requests the Superintendent to develop a Policy and Administrative Regulation that outline a process for high school students to obtain physical education credit through independent study, subject to the conditions and requirements outlined by the Superintendent in the Regulation, and to submit this Policy and Regulation for Board review and approval.

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Please Note:

- Referred by order of the Chair on 5/26/09 to the Curriculum and Program Committee.
- Taken up by the Curriculum and Program Committee on 6/1/09. Forwarded to the Board with a negative recommendation by general consent of the Committee.
- Adopted, as amended, on June 9, 2009.