Repeatable Courses

Reference: Title 5 Sections 55040, 55041, 55253 and 56029

Under special circumstances, students may repeat courses in which a C or better grade was earned.

Students are allowed to repeat a course without petition when repetition is necessary to enable that student to meet a legally mandated training requirement as a condition of volunteer or continued paid employment. Students can repeat such courses any number of times, even if they received a grade of C or better; however, the grade received by the student each time will be included in calculations of the student’s grade point average.

The district must identify and designate such repeatable courses in its catalog. The district must also determine and certify that each repeatable course is one in which either the course content differs each time the course is offered or the course is an activity course subject to certain criteria. Foreign language courses, ESL courses and non-degree-applicable basic skills courses are not considered “activity courses” based on the above criteria.

Examples of activity courses that qualify as repeatable courses include physical education and courses in music, fine arts, theater, and dance. Absent substandard academic work courses may not be repeated for more than three semesters or five quarters including summers and intersessions.

Students with disabilities can repeat a special class for students with disabilities any number of times when an individualized determination verifies that such repetition is required as a disability-related accommodation for the student for one of the reasons specified in Title 5 Section 56029.

Students are allowed to repeat an occupational work experience course if a college only offers one course in occupational work experience in a given field and that course is not offered as a variable unit open-entry/open-exit course. Where only one occupational work experience course is offered subject to the above conditions, students may be permitted to repeat this course any number of times as long as they do not exceed the limits on the number of units of cooperative work experience set forth in Title 5 Section 55253(a).

The District shall develop and implement a mechanism to allow it to properly monitor course repetition.

See also BP4220 - Standards of Scholarship