



Monarch River Academy

Instruction | Instructional Program COURSE WORK & GRADUATION CREDITS

Definitions:

- “Former juvenile court school student” means a student who, upon completion of the student’s second year of high school or transfers to a charter school from a juvenile court school.
- “Student in foster care” has the same meaning as “foster child” as that term is defined in Education Code § 48853.5(a).
- “Student who is a child of a military family” means a student who meets the definition of “children of military families” under Education Code § 49701.
- “Student who is a homeless child or youth” means a pupil who meets the definition of “homeless children and youths” in 42 U.S.C. § 11434a(2)
- “Student who is a migratory child” means a student who meets the definition of “currently migratory child” under Education Code § 54441(a).

The Charter School will accept coursework satisfactorily completed by a former juvenile court school student, a student in foster care, a student who is a child of a military family, a student who is a homeless child or youth or a student who is a migratory child (collectively, the “Students”) while attending another public school, a juvenile court school, a charter school, a school in a country other than the United States, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school even if the pupil did not complete the entire course and shall issue that pupil full or partial credit for coursework completed.

The credits accepted shall be applied to the same or equivalent course, if applicable, as the coursework completed in the prior school. The Charter School will not require the Students to retake a course if the Students have satisfactorily completed the entire course in a public school, a juvenile court school, a charter school, a school in a country other than the United States, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school. If the Students did not complete the entire course, the Charter School shall not require the pupil to retake the portion of the course the Students completed unless the Charter School, in consultation with the holder of educational rights for the pupil, finds that the Students are reasonably able to complete the requirements in time to graduate from high school. When partial credit is awarded in a particular course, the Students shall be admitted in the same or equivalent course, if applicable, so that the Students may continue and complete the entire course.

Students shall not be prevented from retaking or taking a course to meet the eligibility requirements for admission to the California State University or the University of California. The Charter School shall exempt Students who transfer between schools any time after the completion of the Students’ second year of high school and who are in the third or fourth year of high school, from all coursework and other requirements adopted by the School that are in addition to the statewide coursework requirements specified in Education Code section 51225.3, unless the School makes

a finding that the Students are reasonably able to complete the School's graduation requirements in time to graduate from high school by the end of the Students' fourth year of high school.

If the School determines that the Students are reasonably able to complete the School's graduation requirements within the Students' fifth year of high school, the School shall do all of the following: 1) Inform the Students of the Students' option to remain in school for a fifth year to complete the School's graduation requirements; 2) Inform the Students, and the Students' educational rights holder, about how remaining in the School for a fifth year to complete the School's graduation requirements will affect the Students' ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution; 3) Provide information to the Students about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges; 4) Permit the Students to stay in school for a fifth year to complete the School's graduation requirements upon agreement with the Students, if the Students are 18 years of age or older, or if under 18 years of age, with the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the Students.

To determine whether Students are in the third or fourth year of high school, either the number of credits the Students have earned to the date of transfer or the length of the Students' school admission may be used, whichever will qualify the Students for the exemption.

Within 30 calendar days of the date that Students who may qualify for the exemption from local graduation requirements transfer into a school, the School shall notify the Students, the educational rights holder, and the School's liaison (as applicable) of the availability of the exemption and whether the Students qualify for an exemption. If the School fails to provide timely notice, the Students shall be eligible for the exemption from local graduation requirements once notified, even if that notification occurs after the Students are no longer within the definitions of Students, if the Students otherwise qualify for the exemption.

Students that have been exempted from local graduation requirements in accordance with Education Code section 51225.1 and complete the statewide coursework requirements specified in Education Code section 51225.3 before the end of the Students' fourth year of high school and those Students would otherwise be entitled to remain in attendance at the School, the School shall not require or request that the Students graduate before the end of the Students' fourth year of high school.

If Students are exempted from local graduation requirements pursuant to Education Code section 51225.1, the School shall notify the Students and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the Students how any of the requirements that are waived will affect the Students' ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution and shall provide information about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges.

If Students who are eligible for the exemption from local graduation requirements and would otherwise be entitled to remain in attendance at the School shall not be required to accept the exemption or be denied admission in, or the ability to complete, courses for which the Students are otherwise eligible, including courses necessary to attend an institution of higher education, regardless of whether those courses are required for statewide graduation requirements. If Students are not exempted from local graduation requirements or have previously declined the exemption, the School shall exempt the Students at any time if an exemption is required by the Students and

the Students qualify for the exemption.

If Students are exempted from local graduation requirements, the School shall not revoke the exemption.

If Students are exempted from local graduation requirements, the exemption shall continue to apply after the Students no longer fit into the relevant definition of “Students” while the Students are admitted in the School or if Students who are exempt from local graduation requirements transfers to the School from another school.

The School shall not require or request Students to transfer schools in order to qualify the Students for an exemption.

A complaint for noncompliance with this section may be filed with the School under the School’s Uniform Complaint Procedures.

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