



DISTRICT NOTIFICATION REGARDING ASSEMBLY BILL 104 (PUPIL INSTRUCTION) July 21, 2021

AB 104 passed on 7/1/2021 with provisions that are temporary for 2020-2021 only. Please review a summary of what this bill provides as it relates to eligibility for grade level retention, exemption from local graduation requirements and requests to change letter grades to CR/NC.

Grade 7-11 Retention

Eligibility: Parents of a student enrolled in kindergarten through 11th grade in 2020-21 who received deficient final term grades (D, F or No Pass or equivalent) **in at least half of their classes** in 2020-2021 **may make a written request to be retained** in the same grade level for 2021–22 school year and the district must review each request, including available learning recovery options, access to prior semester courses in which the pupil received a D or F letter grade, or some other form of credit recovery and data, and make a final retention decision. The retention provisions of the bill do not apply to students who were in 12th grade in 2020-21. *Eligible students will be contacted. If you are not contacted and believe that you are eligible, please contact your school directly.*

High School Only

Exemption from Local Graduation Requirements

- e3 Civic High must exempt students who were enrolled in their 3rd or 4th year of high school in 2020-21 and who are not on track to graduate in four years from all coursework and other requirements adopted by the governing body that is in addition to the statewide coursework requirements. *Eligible students in 2020-2021 will be contacted. If you are not contacted and believe that you are eligible, please contact your school directly.*
- e3 Civic High must provide these students the opportunity to complete the statewide coursework required for graduation, which opportunity may include, but is not limited to, a fifth year of instruction or credit recovery.

Request to Change Letter Grades to Credit/No Credit

Eligible students: Students enrolled in high school in the 2020–21 academic year may apply to have a letter grade replaced with a Pass or No Pass There is no limit to the number or type of courses eligible for the grade change. Grade changes must not negatively affect a student's grade point average

- A No limit to the number of courses eligible for grade change
- A, B, C grades may be changed to CR (credit received) and No Grades (NG) grades may be changed to NP (no pass)
 - P and NP marks are not factored into scholars GPA calculation
- Colleges and Universities: CSU must accept pass or no pass grades between 2020-21 and 2023-2024
- UC and private colleges are encouraged but not forced to do the same
- *Within 15 days*, CA Department of Education (CDE) must provide the districts with an application template for grade changes.
- *Within 20 calendar days*, the CDE must post a list of all post-secondary educational institutions within the state that have indicated they will accept pass/no pass grades without prejudice.
- Transcripts: Students have 15 calendar days from when the district provides written notice and posts on its website the option to apply.
- Districts have 15 days from receipt of an application to update a transcript and notify a student and family of the grade changes.

When the CDE posts the grade and college list, SDUHSD will provide this information to all students enrolled in high school 2020-2021.