

**ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR NO. 54**

Office of Teaching and Learning

**SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Date:** March 4, 2014

**To:** Area Superintendents, Principals, Vice Principals, School Counselors, School Site Techs, School Registrars, VAPA Teachers

**Subject:** Alignment of District VAPA Courses with UC a-g Requirements

**Department and/or Persons Concerned:** Principals, Vice Principals, School Counselors, School Site Techs, School Registrars, VAPA Teachers

**Due Date:** N/A

**Reference:** SDUSD Graduation Requirements  
Administrative Procedure 4770

**Action Requested:** Ensure review of 2014-15 Master Schedule and enrollment of students into VAPA course pathways.

**Attachments:** List of VAPA Courses that will not be repeatable for credit effective 2014-15.

**Brief Explanation:**

Beginning in the 2014-15 school year, VAPA courses that are UC approved in the “f” subject requirement will no longer earn multiple credits. A list of these courses is appended. This change is being implemented in order to enable the district to implement with fidelity the UC “a-g” graduation requirements adopted by the Board of Education in 2011. Historically, the district has permitted students to repeat these courses; however, course completion is calculated as only one “f” subject requirement per course credit by the University of California system when students submit their transcripts.

The Office of Teaching and Learning is working diligently to add pathways that students may follow in order to continue their progressive studies in the visual and performing arts. As an example, on February 25, 2014, the Board of Education approved the recommendation by the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee that Orchestra 3,4 be approved as a districtwide course. A listing of course pathways in the visual and performing arts will be prepared and provided to sites within the next few weeks. Additional courses will be developed and added during the spring in order to provide students with course sequences that will allow their transcripts to document their progression in development of knowledge and skills in these art forms and at the same time earn UC “f” subject requirement credit for courses they successfully complete.

It should be noted that this does not affect students who are currently enrolled in these courses, or were enrolled in prior years. This change will be effected beginning with the 2014-15 academic year.

For questions or additional information, please contact Beth Venkataraman, 619-725-7335, or [bvenkataraman@sandi.net](mailto:bvenkataraman@sandi.net).

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Teresa Walter  
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Attachment

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## Attachment A

### VAPA COURSES THAT WILL NOT BE REPEATABLE FOR CREDIT Effective 2014-15

Course Number	Course Title
0441	IND ART ST 1(P)
0442	IND ART ST 2(P)
0491	3D DES 1(P)
0492	3D DES 2(P)
1411	THEATRE: MUS1(P)
1412	THEATRE: MUS2(P)
1437	THEATR DES 1(P)
1438	THEATR DES 2(P)
1443	PLAWRI 1(P)
1444	PLAWRI 2(P)
1445	PROD PERF 1(P)
1446	PROD PERF 2(P)
1462	TECHTHEATRE3(P)
1463	TECHTHEATRE4(P)
5050	CHOIR 1 (P)
5051	CHOIR 2 (P)
5055	CHOIR 3 (P)
5056	CHOIR 4 (P)
5060	CHOIR 5 (P)
5061	CHOIR 6 (P)
5120	PIANO 1 (P)
5121	PIANO 2 (P)
5122	PIANO 3 (P)
5123	PIANO 4 (P)
5133	WIND ENSMBL1(P)
5134	WIND ENSMBL2(P)
5140	PIANO 5 (P)
5141	PIANO 6 (P)
5320	BAND 1 INTER(P)
5321	BAND 2 INTER(P)
5325	BAND 1 ADV (P)
5326	BAND 2 ADV (P) (Grades 10-12)

## Attachment A

Course Number	Course Title
5330	JAZZ ENSMBL1(P)
5331	JAZZ ENSMBL2(P)
5335	ORCHESTRA 1 (P)
5336	ORCHESTRA 2 (P)
5360	CHOIR 7 (P)
5361	CHOIR 8 (P)
5365	CHO ENSB AV1(P)
5366	CHO ENSB AV2(P)
5381	MUSIC APPR 1(P)
5382	MUSIC APPR 2(P)
5926	CHOREOG/TEC1(P)
5927	CHOREOG/TEC2(P)
5962	THEATR DNC 3(P)
5963	THEATR DNC 4(P)
5964	THEATR DNC 5(P)
5965	THEATR DNC 6(P)
5966	THEATR DNC 7(P)
5967	THEATR DNC 8(P)
5974	BAL 5(P)
5975	BAL 6(P)
5976	BAL 7(P)
5977	BAL 8(P)
5337	ORCHESTRA 3
5338	ORCHESTRA 4