

July 1, 2022

To better measure the interests nurtured and opportunities provided by our schools, the LDOE has identified minimum requirements for non-Carnegie credit courses to receive credit in the Interests & Opportunities index. This sets clear minimum expectations and ensures substantial exposure to these enriching experiences. For accountability scores, this course information will come from the different collections outlined in the Interests and Opportunities guidance published in June 2022. Starting in the 2022-2023 school year, all non-Carnegie credit courses will be required to meet the parameters set below.

- Meet the requirements for awarding a Carnegie Unit; or
- Meet the following requirements for non-Carnegie Unit bearing courses:
 - Be part of the normal school schedule and included on the master schedule, so instructional minutes are documented and preserved.
 - Courses should meet for at least 60 minutes each week over the course of an entire school year.
 - Courses include graded course work and are content-rich in design.
 - Courses are well-articulated and demonstrate a natural progression of learning over the years studied (i.e. students should not learn the same material from year to year).

Schools and school systems should follow these requirements when reporting Arts, World Languages and STEM courses for the Interests and Opportunities Index.

Please return a copy of this notice with superintendent signature to accountability@la.gov for our records no later than July 22, 2022.

Thank you for your partnership.

School System Superintendent

Date

School System