



**Board Policy**  
**Chapter 4 – Academic Affairs**

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**BP 4236      CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING**

Credit for prior learning is college credit awarded for validated college-level skills and knowledge gained outside of a college classroom. Students’ knowledge and skills might be gained through experiences such as:

- Military training
- Industry training
- State/federal government training
- Volunteer and civic activities (e.g. Peace Corps)
- Apprenticeships, internships, work-experience

Credit for prior learning may be earned for eligible courses approved by the District for students who satisfactorily pass an authorized assessment. Authorized assessments may include the evaluation of approved external standardized examinations, Transcripts, student-created portfolios, and credit by examination. The Superintendent/President shall consult with the Academic Senate and rely primarily on the recommendations of the Academic Senate to establish administrative regulations to implement this Board Policy.

*Reference: Title 5 Section 55050*

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