

Article 11. - SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, CURRICULUM AND ACCREDITATION

72-1101. Required subjects in elementary schools.

Every accredited elementary school shall teach reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, spelling, English grammar and composition, history of the United States and of the state of Kansas, civil government and the duties of citizenship, health and hygiene, together with such other subjects as the state board may determine. The state board shall be responsible for the selection of subject matter within the several fields of instruction and for its organization into courses of study and instruction for the guidance of teachers, principals and superintendents.

History: R.S. 1923, 72-1101; L. 1943, ch. 248, § 37; L. 1945, ch. 282, § 57; L. 1968, ch. 20, § 1; L. 1972, ch. 253, § 1; L. 1979, ch. 220, § 11; July 1.

72-1103. Required courses of instruction; graduation requirements.

All accredited schools, public, private or parochial, shall provide and give a complete course of instruction to all pupils, in civil government, and United States history, and in patriotism and the duties of a citizen, suitable to the elementary grades; in addition thereto, all accredited high schools, public, private or parochial, shall give a course of instruction concerning the government and institutions of the United States, and particularly of the constitution of the United States; and no student who has not taken and satisfactorily passed such course shall be certified as having completed the course requirements necessary for graduation from high school.

History: L. 1919, ch. 257, § 2; R.S. 1923, 72-1103; L. 1925, ch. 224, § 1; L. 1968, ch. 20, § 2; L. 1984, ch. 261, § 5; July 1.

72-1117. Kansas history and government, required course; duties of state board.

(a) The state board of education shall provide for a course of instruction in Kansas history and government, which shall be required for all students graduating from an accredited high school in this state.

(b) The state board of education shall prescribe the school year, not later than the 1990-91 school year, in which the requirement of subsection (a) shall become applicable and may provide for such waivers from the requirement as the board deems appropriate.

History: L. 1988, ch. 277, § 1; July 1.

72-1126. Community service programs; duties of state board.

(a) The state board of education shall provide for a community service program to be offered to all accredited high schools in this state.

(b) As used in this section, the term "community service" means a service performed by a high school student, without monetary compensation or remuneration, for the purpose of benefiting the student's community. The service performed may include, but not by way of limitation, mentoring or tutoring elementary school pupils, assisting in a nursing home or adult care center, providing lawn care or performing other tasks for senior citizens or disabled persons, assisting in a homeless shelter or a soup kitchen, organizing or assisting in fund raisers for disaster victims and other needy persons, assisting community-based nonprofit agencies that provide programs and services for low-income people, the disabled and the elderly, assisting fraternal organizations in charitable activities.

History: L. 2002, ch. 167, § 8; July 1.