

Requested Information Concerning On-line Courses for Hard to Fill Positions

The District is proposing the usage of Accelerate Ed (Education), an online curriculum provider, at several SCUSD secondary schools in order to provide online course instruction for classrooms that do not have a permanent teacher in place as of October 15, 2021 and until the District is able to find a regular credentialed teacher to fill the vacancies. These classrooms have been difficult to fill as the subjects in need of teachers include, but are not limited to, English, Science, Mathematics, French and Spanish.

The District currently has a contract with Accelerate Ed for credit recovery courses taken predominately by high school juniors and seniors who are in need of credit recovery for graduation or replacing D grades for A-G requirements. Accelerate Ed is currently used at every high school, including American Legion and Capital City, and SAA (Sacramento Accelerated Academy). SAA will also use Accelerate Ed course for online course instruction on a per student basis depending on each individual student's transcript needs.

Currently, high school sites and SAA have full time teachers assigned to each credit recovery class with approximately 35 students per classroom. These teachers and class sections are coded as "facilitator led" in Infinite Campus as the teacher does not need to have a single subject teaching credential in order to teach the content being learned by each student. This allows any teacher, regardless of their credential content, to be able to supervise all students in class regardless of what course they are taking. Grades for each class are provided by the Accelerate Ed online teacher and once a course is completed, the SCUSD teacher transfers the Accelerate Ed grade into Infinite Campus for the student's permanent record.

The use of Accelerate Ed online courses at our sites with current vacancies would run in a similar fashion as the class would be set up as "facilitator led" so that any teacher or substitute, regardless of their credential content, could supervise the class. Each class would be for a specific subject and all students in that class would be enrolled in the same subject online. The teacher or substitute would supervise the students and provide any technical assistance as the students worked online. The same substitutes could remain in place for 60 days, or as long as permitted by law, until the vacancy is filled with a qualified teacher. Substitute teachers would be assigned following the District's current procedures for filling substitute position needs at sites in Frontline.