

Per the following statute 79-704 (2), schools will not be able to use biennial courses to count toward instructional units for Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science. When the State Board of Education adopts standards for Social Science, most likely to occur this coming year, schools will no longer be able to count biennial courses for social science instructional units. For all other content areas, schools can continue to use biennial course offerings to count toward instructional units.

Biennial Form is attached.

79-704. Biennial secondary course offerings; authorized; when.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section, any school board of a school district or any governing authority of a private school may establish alternating biennial secondary course offerings, not to exceed one course in each of four subject fields as designated by such board or governing authority, as part of the total instructional units provided each school term for the purpose of meeting minimum annual criteria for accreditation under sections 79-318 and 79-703. Reporting of biennial course offerings which are to receive annual instructional unit credit in meeting accreditation standards shall be on forms prescribed by the State Department of Education.

(2) For school year 2009-10 and each school year thereafter, a school board of a school district shall not establish an alternating biennial secondary course offering in any subject area for which the State Board of Education has adopted content standards pursuant to section 79-760.01.

Source: Laws 1985, LB 633, 6; Laws 1986, LB 997, 13; R.S.1943, (1987), 79-1241; Laws 1989, LB 15, 2; R.S.1943, (1994), 79-4,140.15; Laws 1996, LB 900, 378; Laws 2006, LB 1208, 2.

Effect of Amendments. Laws 2006, LB 1208, effective July 14, 2006, added (2); and at the beginning of (1), added "Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section."