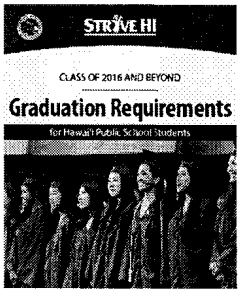

Proficiency-Based Equivalent Courses

BOE Policy 4540

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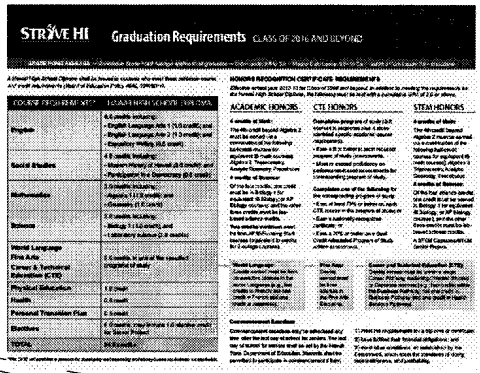
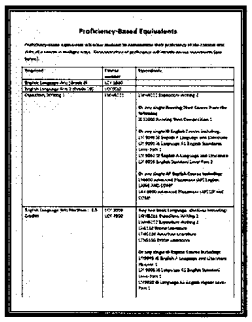
Overview - BOE Policy 4540

- Graduation Requirements for Class of 2016 and beyond (24.0 credits)
- Honors Recognition Certificate Requirements



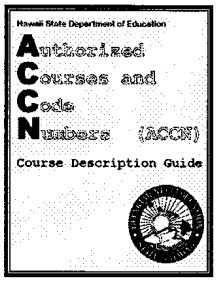
Proficiency-Based Equivalents

- Proficiency-Based Equivalents (PBEs) are defined as courses that substantially meet the criteria of a required credit course.
- PBEs must:
  - Provide students with opportunities to experience practice and demonstrate proficiency
  - Comprehensively address the standards and breadth, rigor, and depth of a credit course
- PBE Process – March 2013


Proficiency-Based Equivalents

Authorized Courses and Code Numbers (ACCN)

- ACCN
  - Provides an overview to the official program of studies for students in Hawaii's public and intermediate/middle schools
  - Ensures a level of standardization among the courses offered at schools.
  - Reflects the graduation requirements adopted by the BOE
- Types of Courses
  - Required
  - Basic Elective
  - Specialized Elective
  - Supplementary Elective
  - Non-Credit: Intensive or General Courses



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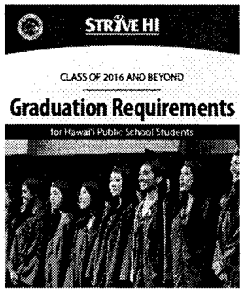
- July 2013
  - Course offering verification
- August 2013
  - Improving PBE process: Convene stakeholder group to gather input