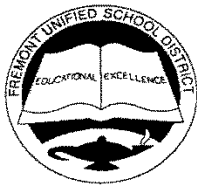


Approval
of
TAMIL as a world language course
at
FUSD (Fremont Unified School District)

The following approval document from FUSD and other information given below would help to clarify some concerns of our parents about taking Tamil as a world language at Junior High School and High Schools in Fremont Unified School District.

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- ❖ The FUSD website lists “California Tamil Academy ” as one of the Foreign Language Schools Approved by FUSD for Credit. Please visit Parent Resources in FUSD website and look for [Approved Foreign Language Schools](#)
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June 25, 2010

California Tamil Academy
44348 Arapaho Ave.
Fremont, CA 94539
Att: Ulagu Kumar

Dear Ms. Kumar

This letter is to officially notify you that the Fremont Board of Education has approved California Tamil Academy's Tamil IV as an approved level of study from which we will accept grades and credit for Fremont Unified students. (Enclosed for your files is a copy of the board agenda item.)

Note that the students will only be allowed to take 10 units a year for foreign language credits through the California Tamil Academy for their graduation and a-g requirements for college admission.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Ashford
Director
Secondary Education

Enclosure

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FREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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AGENDA ITEM

_____ Information

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_____ Presentation

Date of Board Meeting: June 23, 2010

TITLE: Board Approval of Tamil IV as a Course of Study

Background:

Section 51243 of California Education Code states: "The State Board of Education shall adopt rules and regulations prescribing standards and conditions pursuant to which credit shall be given for those purposes to students in public schools who have successfully completed foreign language studies in private schools." Section 51244 states: "The provision of Section "51243 giving credit to foreign language courses given in private schools shall apply to courses in the following languages, Chinese, French, German, Greek (classical and modern), Japanese, Jewish, Latin, Spanish and Russian, and other languages as the State Board of Education shall designate. Section 51245 states: For purposes of the credit which may be given pursuant to Sections 51243 and 51244 for foreign language courses undertaken in private schools, it shall not be required that the instructors in private schools be regularly credentialed teachers.

Current Status:

With the growing population of natives of India in the Bay area and the growing role of India in the world economy, there is an increased interest and demand for speakers of Tamil. A fourth year course of study in Tamil has been submitted by the District by the California Tamil Academy. The course of study will not be taught in Fremont Unified School District, nor will resources be required from FUSD. The course will be included among other private school World Language courses previously approved by the Board.

Recommendation:

The Board of Education approve California Tamil Academy's Tamil IV course of study for students in the Fremont Unified School District, effective the 2010-2011 school year.

Kathryn Ashford 510 659-2513
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❖ A communication from FUSD Director for a clarification requested by a parent is given below. This communication would help to clear any concerns of the parents about the recognition of Tamil as an approved world language at FUSD Schools.

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From: **James Maxwell** <jmaxwell@fremont.k12.ca.us>
Date: Sat, May 23, 2015 at 5:47 PM
Subject: Tamil
To: "ulakumar@gmail.com" <ulakumar@gmail.com>
Cc: Leanna Sutton <lsutton@fremont.k12.ca.us>

Our Private World Language schools should never have been on the UC "a-g" list since we don't teach them in our schools. However, we post them on our transcripts as a World Language which means that the Principal is certifying them to the UC system. The principals of our Tamil, Hindu, and other private schools have been told this by me.

You have nothing to worry about-the UCs and CSUs accept this. And don't forget, the private colleges don't even use the UC list-they just use our transcripts. I encourage you to continue working with the Tamil school.

James Maxwell
Director of Secondary Education
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