

Instruction at Post-Secondary Educational Institution

Students in grades nine through twelve may receive academic or career and technical education credits that count toward the graduation requirements set out by the Board for courses successfully completed in post-secondary educational institutions. Students and parents or guardians shall be made aware of the post-secondary instructional opportunities as part of the development of each student's individual career and academic plan as required by law. The Superintendent/designee is responsible for developing the appropriate forms and procedures for implementing this regulation and the following post-secondary educational opportunities.

Concurrent Enrollment

The Board may, in its discretion, enter into a contractual agreement with a community college to provide courses for eligible students in grades nine through twelve when comparable courses are not offered by the District. Notice of the availability of the concurrent enrollment program shall be included in the District's registration handbook and the handbook shall identify which courses, if successfully completed, generate post-secondary credit. Students shall not be charged tuition for concurrent enrollment courses and shall not be required to reimburse the District for tuition if they do not successfully complete a course. Students or their parents or guardians may be required to pay a fee consistent with the District's established textbook policy and other materials for the concurrent enrollment course to the extent permitted by law. Students or their parents or guardians may also be required to provide their own transportation to and from concurrent enrollment courses to the extent permitted by law. However, transportation shall be the responsibility of the District for any contracted course that is used to meet District accreditation requirements.

Students who successfully complete a concurrent enrollment course, as determined by the postsecondary institution, shall receive postsecondary credit in accordance with the institution's policies and high school credit that will be reflected on their high school transcript. The Superintendent/designee shall grant to a student who successfully completes a concurrent enrollment course a unit of high school graduation credit for every unit of high school level instruction successfully completed.

Post-Secondary Enrollment Option

Students in grades nine and ten who the District has identified as talented and gifted students and eligible students in grades eleven and twelve may utilize the Post-Secondary Enrollment Option program. Students are eligible to take post-secondary educational courses if they meet all of the requirements outlined in this policy and as required by the post-secondary educational institution and if the student has obtained the approval of the Superintendent/designee. Eligible students wishing to participate in the post-secondary educational courses shall apply to the eligible post-secondary educational institution.

To qualify, a course must be a nonsectarian, credit-bearing course that leads to a degree. A course is not eligible for the Post-Secondary Enrollment Option program if a comparable course is offered by the District. In addition, courses at a community college with which the District has a concurrent enrollment agreement are not eligible for the Post-Secondary Enrollment Option program. Students shall not be charged for tuition, textbooks, materials or fees related to a Post-Secondary Enrollment Option course with the exception of equipment that becomes the property of the student.

The District shall reimburse the post-secondary institution for tuition and other expenses for each Post-Secondary Enrollment Option course up to \$250. Students who successfully complete a Post-Secondary Enrollment Option course, as determined by the post-secondary institution, shall receive post-secondary credit and high school credit. The Superintendent/designee shall grant to a student who successfully completes a Post-Secondary Enrollment Option course a unit of high school graduation credit for every unit of high school level instruction successfully completed. Students may not enroll on a full-time basis to any post-secondary institution through the Post-Secondary Enrollment Option program.

Transportation to and from the post-secondary institution is the responsibility of the student or parent or legal guardian of the student enrolled in a Post-Secondary Enrollment Option course. Eligible students may take up to seven hours of post-secondary credit during the summer months and receive high school credit upon successful completion of a post-secondary course. However, the student or student's parent or legal guardian is responsible for all costs associated with courses taken during the summer.

Students who fail a Post-Secondary Enrollment Options course and fail to receive credit are required to reimburse the District for all costs directly related to the course up to the \$250 reimbursement maximum. Prior to registering, students under the age of eighteen are required to have a parent or guardian sign a form indicating that the parent is responsible for the costs of the course should the student fail the course and fail to receive credit. Reimbursement waivers may be granted by the Board if sufficient verification is provided to show that the student was unable to complete the course for reasons outside the student's control, including but not limited to, physical incapacity, a death in the student's immediate family or a move out of the District.

If a student is unable to demonstrate proficiency or the District or accredited nonpublic school determines that the course unit completed by the student does not meet the District's standards, the Superintendent/designee shall provide in writing to the student's parent or guardian the reason for the denial of credit.

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