

CREDIT FOR HIGH SCHOOL COURSES BY MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

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The Board permits students in 7th or 8th grade to earn credit towards a high school diploma in any class taken that is approved by the Board for such purpose, provided that the student is academically prepared based on performance on current pupil assessments and building administrator approval. Any course designated for high school credit taken by 7th or 8th grade students must be taught by a teacher certified to teach that subject at the high school level and must be taught using curriculum and assessments equivalent to those used in the subject at the high school level. Credit may be earned in any subject area meeting the requirements under this policy. The Board directs the District Administrator to develop procedures to annually determine whether sufficient student interest and appropriate staffing justifies offering such course(s) or access to space in currently scheduled high school classes. All high school level classes will be scheduled and assigned in accordance with building level administrative procedures. Space and availability is determined in descending order of grade and/or age of the students.

Courses taken by 7th or 8th grade students for high school credit shall appear on the student's high school transcript, along with the grade received. The class may be factored into the student's high school grade point average at the request of the student's parents/guardian. All high school level courses are available to be retaken with the permission of the high school principal.

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