

## 6.10.100-P High School Credit Earned Prior to Ninth Grade

The purpose of this policy is to give equal credit for equal performance, based on the level and quality of academic achievement rather than the status of the student.

- (1) Any Portland Public School student who is not enrolled as a high school student who completes a high school level course with a grade of "C" or better or "pass" shall be granted high school credit for that course.
- (2) Such credit will not cause a student to be compelled to graduate before the year in which he or she attains 18 years of age, but could enable a student to do so.
- (3) Student admission to high school level courses shall be based on student interest, capability, past performance and needs, subject to procedures and limitations that apply to regularly enrolled high school students.
- (4) A high school level course means a course with content and goals that match or exceed those of a non-remedial high school course. Eligible courses include:
  - (a) Non-remedial high school courses taken at a Portland high school with a high school teacher;
  - (b) Middle or elementary school courses equivalent to high school courses, as determined by the superintendent or the superintendent's designee, according to the following criteria:
    - (A) Course content, statements, goals or syllabi equivalent to and compatible with a high school program;
    - (B) Textbooks and instructional materials equivalent to and compatible with a high school program;
    - (C) Time allotment equivalent to a high school program;
    - (D) Facilities, supplies and equipment appropriate for meeting course goals and statements;
    - (E) Staff qualifications equivalent to a high school program.
  - (c) High school level courses taken outside of Portland Public Schools, through approved accredited institutions, as approved by the superintendent or the superintendent's designee.
- (5) Procedures for recording credits earned on the student's permanent school record and transferring those credits to the student's permanent high school record and transcript will be established through administrative regulation.

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