

POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS/CURRENT ENROLLMENT

The intent of this policy is to set the requirements for student participation and the allowable costs for post-secondary level courses taken before high school graduation. Upon the recommendation of the high school principal and the school counselor, any junior or senior student may enroll in certain courses at post-secondary institutions. In addition, any other student may enroll if permitted by the school. High school credit will be given to any student who satisfactorily completes a course with a minimal grade "C." **PRIOR APPROVAL FOR CREDIT MUST HAVE BEEN ARRANGED WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL AND THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR.** In addition to and/or in lieu of high school credit, such students could acquire college credit, if this is agreeable with the college officials and payment of fee is made. In exceptional cases, 9th and 10th graders may be approved for college courses. The student must have a recommendation from a teacher and approval from a counselor and principal.

Students may earn credits towards graduation by taking courses from public two-year and four-year post-secondary institutions such as the University of Maine system or the Vocational Technical Colleges.

To be eligible for this option, students must meet the following criteria:

A. Meet the admissions standards for the post-secondary school;

Maintain at least a B average in his/her courses overall;

May not be enrolled in more than **six (6)** courses at school;

Meet with a guidance counselor and draw up a plan to show how the course will meet graduation requirements; and

Provide evidence of parent/guardian approval.

Graduation credits for courses taken under this option will be determined as follows:

The course must meet for one semester or its equivalent;

The student must earn a passing grade of C; and

Graduation credits awarded may not exceed one-half credit for each three-credit semester course.

The following attendance policy will govern student participation in any post-secondary course work:

Attendance must satisfy the instructor's requirements

The post-secondary school will take attendance and report to the high school.

Financial assistance will be provided under the following circumstances:

The school administrative unit will pay tuition costs for all students participating in this program if the eligible institution requires tuition payment.

If the parents/guardians income level qualifies the student for free or reduced lunch, the administrative unit will pay for the cost of tuition, textbooks, course fees, and transportation.

The superintendent will ensure that all reporting procedure required under the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Act are followed and review such reports with the Committee.

Legal Reference: Title 20A MRSA, Section 4751 ET SEQ.

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