

POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

The intent of this policy is to establish the requirements for student enrollment in post-secondary courses taken before high school graduation.

Eligible Institutions

Students may take courses at eligible post-secondary institutions within Maine, which include the University of Maine System, the Vocational Technical College System and Maine Maritime Academy.

Student Eligibility Requirements

A student may take no more than one course per semester and two courses per academic year.

A student must meet the following criteria prior to enrolling in a post-secondary course:

- A. Have a minimum of a "B" [or 3.0] average in his/her courses overall;
- B. Meet the course admission standards of the eligible institution;
- C. Provide evidence of parent/guardian approval for taking the course; and
- D. Obtain approval from the principal and guidance counselor.

Exceptions

- A. Two (2) science credits, Earth Science and Biology, need to be taken at Mt. Blue High School.
- B. A student enrolled in grade 11 or 12 who does not meet the "B" average in his/her courses overall is eligible to take a post-secondary course provided that he/she:
 - 1. Has been assessed and received a recommendation to take the course from the school administration; and
 - 2. Has been approved for participation in the course by an eligible institution.

Awarding of Credits

The eligible institution shall grant full credit to any student who successfully completes a course.

High school graduation credit for a course taken under this policy shall be awarded as follows:

- A. The course must meet for a minimum of one semester.
- B. The student must earn a passing grade in the course.
- C. Attendance must satisfy the instructor's requirements.
- D. If the above criteria are met, the student shall receive 1/2 credit for each course, which will count as part of the student's class load at MBHS.

Financial Assistance

- A. The Maine Department of Education shall pay applicable tuition costs for any student enrolled in a course under this policy if the eligible institution requires tuition payment.
- B. The student and his/her parent/guardian are responsible for paying for all textbooks, course fees and transportation costs.

School Unit Reporting Requirements

The Superintendent shall ensure that information concerning post-secondary enrollment options is made available to parents and students.

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