

Post-Secondary Enrollment Options

The intent of this policy is to establish the requirements for student enrollments 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 Community College System and Maine Maritime Academy.

Students may be allowed to take courses at private colleges or other institutions in person, on line or through video linkage. Any such requests shall be considered on a case-by-case basis to the extent that funds are available.

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. The student must meet with his/her guidance counselor to develop a plan describing how the course will help the student meet graduation requirements in order to obtain approval.

Exceptions to Eligibility Requirements.

A student enrolled in grade 11 or 12 who does not meet the “B” [or 3.0] average in his/her courses overall is eligible to take a post-secondary course provided that he/she:

- A. Has been assessed and received a recommendation to take the course from the school administration; and
- B. 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. The Superintendent or designee may specify a minimum grade requirement if desired.
- C. Attendance must satisfy the course instructor’s requirements. The Superintendent or designee may request that the eligible institution record and report attendance to the high school.
- D. If the above criteria are met, the student shall receive up to one (1) credit for each course.
- E. The District may require students to demonstrate proficiency in the Maine Learning Results covered in the course.

Financial Assistance

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

District Reporting Requirements

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

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