

Credit for Proficiency

The district may grant credit towards a diploma or modified diploma to students who demonstrate defined levels of proficiency or mastery of recognized standards, including knowledge and skills (e.g., state academic content standards and essential skills, industry-based or other national or international standards) by completing classroom or equivalent work; passing an appropriate exam; providing a collection of work or other assessment evidence; documentation of prior learning activities or experiences, or to complete any combination of the above as approved by the district. The Board directs the superintendent to develop an administrative regulation that establishes criteria for granting proficiency credit.

Credit by Examination

Credit by examination is a process for ascertaining student competencies in required areas of study and waiving, if appropriate, required course attendance.

1. The primary purpose for credit by examination is to permit a student to waiver a required course due to his competency.
2. Only courses in required areas may be challenged for waiver. If the resulting grade on the challenge test is equivalent to “A” or “B” in the judgement of the examination committee, the attendance requirement will be waived. The grade will be noted on the student’s transcript, and the course, not the credit, will count toward graduation. Plans must be approved within two weeks of the successful challenge for use of the time resulting from the attendance requirement waiver. Appropriate plans might consist of independent study, work experience, etc., but decisions and approval must be based on the individual and his educational/vocational goals. The attendance requirement waive may be revoked by the committee if plans are not submitted and approved within the two weeks.
3. A student may attempt credit by examination for a particular course no more than two times, and these attempts may not occur within one semester.
4. A student may not attempt credit by examination for a course after the second week of enrollment.
5. The examination may be written and/or based on physical demonstration of competency. The test will hold the student accountable for course material.
6. Examinations for credit will be developed by an examination committee responsible to the principal.
7. An examination committee shall determine standards of performance on tests that will be accepted as evidence of satisfactory completion of course requirements (refer to 2. in this section.)

Recommendation: The examination committee shall consist of at least one administrator, one counselor and one teacher.

8. A student must complete the “application for Credit by Examination” and submit it to a counselor at least two weeks prior to the date of examination.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 329.885](#)

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 336.177](#)

[ORS 336.615 - 336.665](#)

[OAR 581-022-0102](#)

[OAR 581-022-1130](#)

[OAR 581-022-1131](#)

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