

High School Credit for 8th graders

Middle school students in the North Santiam School District may qualify to enroll in high school level courses and, upon successful completion of course and content requirements, earn high school credit toward graduation requirements and official transcript purpose.

The high school level course may be completed via enrollment in a course taught at the middle school site, providing the middle school course is taught by a teacher highly qualified (HQ) in the secondary subject area, has the equivalent text, materials, content, and performance standards as the course taught at the high school level that earns graduation credits.

There is a grandfather clause to this procedure. Middle school students who have previously completed high school level courses taught at the high school may submit a request for high school credit. This request must include documentation verifying successful completion of the course.

All middle school students are eligible to apply for early enrollment into high school level courses, either taught at the middle school site or at the high school. Acceptance into such classes will follow a procedure which includes the following:

1. Letter by the students and/or parent/guardian requesting early enrollment stating the reasons for such consideration;
2. Letters of recommendation from one or more of the following: the student's teacher(s), counselor(s), and/or principal;
3. Prerequisites, if any are required, have been successfully completed prior to early enrollment;
4. The course is appropriate for the intellect, and social or physical maturity of the students.

Prior written approval by the high school principal and counselor is necessary prior to early enrollment into courses taught at the high school. For high school level courses taught at the middle school, there needs to be verification the course conforms to the standards set forth in the high school planned course statement and the course taught meets the requirements of equivalent text, materials, content, and performance standards in order to receive credit toward graduation requirements and official transcript purposes. Upon written approval, the course syllabus may indicate that the course qualifies for high school credit upon submission and acceptance of such application.