

Alternative Activities to Earn Credit

The district may allow credit for off-campus experiences such as college courses, independent study and supervised work experience. Such experiences must meet all school requirements to qualify for credit toward graduation. Such credits may be for elective or required credits, depending upon the experience.

Procedure

The student petitions with parental consent directly to the guidance office, which in turn works with the department or teacher to determine the nature of the experience and amount of credit to be granted.

Relate to Existing Curriculum

The off-campus experience must relate directly to an area of the existing curriculum.

Each off-campus experience must meet established guidelines (See below, Summer Youth Employment and Training).

College Experience Credit

The district shall allow credit for college experience. This credit, properly processed and approved, could be for a required course or an elective.

Procedure

The student petitions with parental consent to the principal through a school counselor for the specific substitution or concurrent enrollment desired. Upon tentative approval of the counselor and principal the student contacts the college officials concerned and explores the college requirements.

Approval of Schedule

The student presents the schedule for approval. Credit will be given at the rate of 1/2 credit per three or four college hours of credit.

Restrictions

If this is an alternative to regular school attendance, the student must have demonstrated a need for such an arrangement for academic or career progress.

Columbia Gorge Community College Credit

Credit may be earned at Columbia Gorge Community College in order to graduate early or to make up lost credit. The student will need to be referred by the high school counselor and must meet all Columbia Gorge Community College deadlines. Credit awarded is determined by Columbia Gorge Community College.

Graduation Credit from College Credit

College credit courses may be used as graduation credit if the following conditions are met:

1. Prearrangement with the high school counselor;
2. Upon successful completion of the course, submit grade slip to counseling office in order for credit to be recorded;
3. Three or four college credits will equal 1/2 credit toward high school graduation.

Columbia Gorge Community College Noncredit Classes

Noncredit classes offered by the community college may be used as graduation credit if the following conditions are met:

1. Prearrangement with high school counselor;
2. Prearrangement with the instructor of the course;
3. Upon successful completion of the course, submit to the counseling office a written statement from the instructor verifying the completion of the course;
4. Thirty class hours of instruction in an adult education class will equal 1/2 credit toward high school graduation;
5. This credit properly processed and approved is for elective credit only.

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Credit

The district shall allow credit for independent study. This credit properly processed and approved, could be for a required course or an elective.

Prerequisites

1. Teacher and counselor approval.
2. Student has a sincere desire to learn something that is not offered in a regular high school class.

3. Student needs a class that will not fit into his/her schedule so must be taken independently.

Procedure

A student desiring an independent study project with a teacher must make arrangements with the teacher. The student and teacher, along with a counselor, confer to arrive at a specific project that meets the individual needs of the student and is adequate in organization and content. The teacher is to write up the provisions of the project in triplicate (copies for teacher, student and student's permanent folder). The written copy is to specify exactly what the student is to do, due dates, amount of credit and grade basis.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Credit

The district shall allow credit for work experience. Upon establishing Career Related Learning goals in the student's Personal Education Plan and Profile and the completion of at least 130 clock hours, the student may earn up to one elective credit per school year, three credits per year may be awarded for year-round high school programs.

Students doing work or community experience for which they are seeking credit shall complete Essential Skills research and writing.

Restrictions

- Student must be a junior or senior. (This does not apply to Wahtonka Community School)
- Student must be employed.
- Student must be passing all classes.

Correspondence Courses

These courses taken for high school credit must meet the following conditions:

1. Prearrangement with the high school counselor is required;
2. The student deals directly with DCE to whom he/she pays the fee and sends his/her completed assignments. Upon completion of the course, the grade slip will be presented to the counseling office for entry to the student record;
3. One-half unit of credit in a high school level correspondence course equals one-half credit at the high school.

Summer Youth Employment and Training

Elective credit may be earned for summer work experience if done through a program of a government agency, approved by the school administrator and counselor.

The amount of credit will be based upon the instructional component of the program and the amount of time the student participates. The maximum credits allowed in one summer program shall be two.

The agency involved shall provide written verification of student participation.

Study Abroad

Credit earned in study abroad will be evaluated by the high school counselor and entered in the student record to count toward graduation. It may be counted as either required or elective credit at the discretion of the counselor.

Travel

The district shall allow credit for educational travel which is a feature of school-sponsored and/or school-approved program. This credit, properly processed and approved, could be for elective credit only. Must be preplanned with the counselor.