

Pass/Fail Policy

In order to encourage students to take challenging courses and succeed; the Pass/Fail Grading Policy is being implemented. The policy lays the foundation for courses that students can take and receive a grade of pass (P) or fail (F) rather than a letter grade.

Purpose

The purpose of the Pass/Fail Policy is to encourage students to take courses that will enrich their academic career and promote the process of lifelong learning without the pressure of the regular grading system.

PROCEDURE

Criteria

1. A student may choose to take an elective class pass/fail.
2. No core curricular classes can be taken as pass/fail courses. Core curricular classes include: Math, English, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Language.
3. The student will receive a grade of pass in the designated courses as long as he or she receives a grade of C (2.0) or better.
4. Courses taken as pass/fail basis must be accompanied by documentation of a C or better grade.
5. The total number of credit hours awarded as pass or fail grade shall not exceed 1.0 credit for any student's entire high school diploma program.
6. The decision to take a course as a pass/fail option must be made within the first three weeks of the semester. The Pass/Fail Form is to be completed and turned into Barb Richardson by Thursday of the 3rd week of the semester no later than 4:00PM. Once the decision to take a class pass/fail has been approved, the decision cannot be changed by the student, parent or teacher.
7. A pass/fail grade will not be calculated into the overall GPA for the semester or the accumulative GPA for the student's diploma.
8. The final decision to change a student's grading policy to pass/fail for a particular class will be made by the appropriate teacher, the Academic Counselor and the Superintendent.

The Pass/Fail Form will require the signature of all three mentioned above, as well as the parent.

9. When selecting students for Valedictorian and Salutatorian, a “P” will be interpreted as a “C” grade.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 107.154](#)

[ORS 329.485](#)

[OAR 581-022-1670](#)

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (2011); Family Educational Rights and Privacy, 34 C.F.R. Part 99 (2011).

Protection of Pupil Rights, 20 U.S.C. § 1232h (2006); Student Rights in Research, Experimental Programs and Testing, 34 C.F.R. Part 98 (2006).

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213; 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (2006); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2006). Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008.

Cross Reference(s):

IK - Academic Achievement