

Credit by Examination

OAR 581-022-1130 states “The district school board may adopt policies for alternative learning experiences, such as credit by examination...”

For the Rainier School District credit by examination means: a student is awarded credit for any required course necessary for graduation, due to the student’s competence, without having to enroll in the course. The rationale for credit by examination is the district is providing for individual differences to increase the range of opportunities available to students. Some students are capable of achieving the goals for a particular course without having to enroll or participate in the class.

The principal, or designee, shall work with individual high school department chairmen to assist with:

1. Developing examinations, written or based on other observable indicators of competence, which shall clearly demonstrate learner outcomes of the course being challenged.
2. Determining standards of performance on examinations which will be accepted as evidence of satisfactory completion of course requirements. This is for those examinations which may not be written tests.
3. Determining when an appropriate examination has been devised to measure course completion equivalency and when the test shall be used.
4. Establishing examination dates and location.
5. Publishing credit by examination procedures and courses for which credit by examination may be attempted.
6. Reviewing student requests where guidelines are not sufficient.
7. Scoring examinations; students must score at the 80 percent level to pass credit by examination.

Students who successfully meet or surpass the performance level established for a course through the process of credit by examination shall be given credit for the course. The enrollment requirements for the course, if any, will be waived. Credit, but no grade, for the offering will be noted on the transcript. This credit will count toward graduation requirements both in total units of credit and required course enrollment.

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](#)
[OAR 581-022-1140](#)

[OAR 581-022-1350](#)
[OAR 581-023-0008](#)