

High School Classes/Courses for Eighth Graders

The district encourages students to perform at the highest level possible in their course work. Recognizing that some upper level elementary school age students are able to master existing high school curriculum, it is the policy of the district to allow eighth grade students, who are qualified, to take designated high school classes/courses. High school credit will be granted if students are taking courses (Geometry) at the high school.

Middle school students who earn a B or an A in Algebra I or a Second Language in their middle school coursework, will be granted high school credit provided the standards are the same as those taking the classes at the high school and that the teacher is “highly qualified”. Students and their parents/ guardians will be asked to sign a release of grades to the high school for transcript purposes (see attached administrative rule).

The district will allow the granting of such credit to be used to reduce the units of credit to be completed of a student in grades 9 through 12 for high school graduation.

Once a middle school student receives high school credit for Algebra I or a Second Language, they may not take the course again at the high school to improve their GPA.

The Oregon University System, NCAA eligibility requirement, and other higher institutions of learning may/may not accept high school credits earned at the middle school level.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[OAR 581-022-1130](#)

[OAR 581-022-1670](#)