

Credit for Proficiency

The district shall grant required and elective credit toward a diploma or a modified diploma, provided the method for accruing such credit is described in the student's personal education plan and the student earns the credit by one or more of the options below.

A district may grant credit to a student if the student demonstrates defined levels of proficiency or mastery of recognized standards, i.e., knowledge and skills, (e.g., state academic content standards and essential skills, industry-based or other national or international standards) by one or more of the following options:

1. Successfully completing classroom or equivalent work (e.g., supervised independent study, career-related learning experiences, project based learning) that meets Common Curriculum Goals and academic content standards required by Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 581-022-2030;
2. Successfully completing classroom or equivalent work, in class or out of class, where hours of instruction may vary;
3. Successfully passing an appropriate exam;
4. Providing a collection of work or other assessment evidence; or
5. Providing documentation of prior learning activities or experiences (e.g., certification of training, letters, diplomas, awards, etc.).

Guidelines for accessing credit by proficiency in Silver Falls School District:

- a. Teacher of record must meet licensing requirements of Teacher Standards and Practices Commission for the subject area.
- b. Course receiving credit must be an approved course listed in curriculum publications.
- c. Course proficiency module must be equally accessible to all students.
- d. Course proficiency proposal must be presented and approved by: teacher of record; department coordinator; and an administrator or designee.
- e. Timeline: students interested in pursuing a Credit by Proficiency option must have a detailed plan approved prior to the grading period the student plans to pursue proficiency.

The Board directs the superintendent to develop criteria for granting proficiency credit.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 329.885](#)
[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 336.615 to -336.665](#)

[OAR 581-022-0102](#)
[OAR 581-022-2000](#)
[OAR 581-022-2025](#)

[OAR 581-022-2310](#)
[OAR 581-022-2505](#)
[OAR 581-023-0008](#)