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Code: **IKAC**
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High School Classes/Courses for Middle School Students

The district encourages students to perform at the highest level possible in their course work. Recognizing that some middle school age students are able to master existing high school curriculum, it is the policy of the district to allow middle school students, who are qualified, to take designated high school classes/courses. High school credit may be granted. Credits taken before ninth grade will be allowed to reduce the required units of credit to be completed in Grades 9 through 12 for high school graduation.

Courses completed for high school credit taken prior to ninth grade will be recorded on the transcript and included in the cumulative grade point average. All high school courses taken prior to the ninth grade will appear on the high school transcript and high school credit will be granted unless specifically requested otherwise in writing by the parent. Courses will be shown in chronological order on the transcript.

Once a middle school student receives high school credit for courses taken prior to the ninth grade, they may not take the course again at the high school to improve their cumulative grade point average.

Middle school staff will notify parents of the option to have courses taken prior to ninth grade for high school credit recorded on the transcript and include in the cumulative grade point average upon enrollment in the class.

Middle and high school staff will provide annual notice to parents and students in the curriculum guide.

Parents will complete the Request for Removal of Credit for High School Classes/Courses for Middle School Students Form (see attached) by the end of the first 12 weeks of the student's freshman year. Copies of the parental request will be maintained in the student's cumulative file at the middle school and a copy forwarded to the high school.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[OAR 581-022-1130](#)
[OAR 581-022-1670](#)