

Transcript Evaluation Procedures

The principal or designee will conduct an evaluation of transfer student transcripts and other documentation as may be required to: determine the value of course credits earned; acceptance or rejection of credit and grades; the number of years of school attendance or equivalent; and subsequent placement of students in ESD schools.

Awarding of Credits

1. Students, including dependants of an active duty or deployed member in the uniformed service of the United States, transferring from a standard Oregon public school, another state's standard school, or Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) school will receive credit for previously completed courses and attendance on the same basis credit and attendance are accepted for such courses completed in ESD schools consistent with OAR 581-022-1131.
2. Students transferring from another district's approved alternative education program or a private alternative education program registered with the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) or other state's department of education will receive credit for previously completed courses and attendance on the same basis credit and attendance are accepted for such courses completed in ESD schools consistent with OAR 581-022-1131.
3. Students transferring from an alternative education program not registered as provided above, may receive credit for those courses that have the same or substantially similar course content and hours of instruction as existing ESD courses consistent with OAR 581-022-1131.
4. Students transferring from an accredited private school will receive credit for previously completed courses and attendance on the same basis credit and attendance are accepted for such courses completed in ESD schools consistent with OAR 581-022-1131.

Credits earned for classes of a sectarian nature will not be accepted. Students may be required to submit course descriptions, or other documentation as may be deemed necessary, to determine whether a course is primarily sectarian in nature.

5. Students transferring from a nonaccredited private school may receive credit for those courses that have the same or substantially similar course content and hours of instruction as existing ESD courses consistent with OAR 581-022-1131.

6. Students transferring from a home school based courses under ORS 339.035, online or other distance learning will not receive credit for course work previously completed under such programs of instruction.

Credit approval will be granted only when the student has demonstrated by clear and convincing evidence that he/she has mastered the essential (or requisite) standards for a credit-bearing course offered in a WESD school or program.

7. Students may be required to submit course descriptions or other documentation as deemed necessary, including hours of instruction, to assist ESD officials in determining credit and attendance to be accepted. Such information may be gathered by phone.

Validation of Credit

1. The ESD may, at its discretion, require validation of credit from students transferring from nonaccredited schools and nonregistered alternative programs, by requiring that the student complete an assessment or provide equivalent portfolio/work sample evidence consistent with OAR 581-022-1131.
2. The ESD may conditionally accept credit from students transferring from nonaccredited schools and nonregistered alternative programs consistent with OAR 581-022-1131. Students not meeting course requirements may be required to undergo further written or oral assessment.
3. Students unable to validate credit will be scheduled/rescheduled at the appropriate grade/course level and the credit(s) in question denied.

Grade-Level Placement

Students will be placed in the course best suited to their needs, based on the ESD's evaluation of the student's transcript and/or other documentation, assessment, portfolio/work sample evidence, etc. as the ESD may require.

If the student is unable to provide appropriate documentation, the principal or designee will make the grade level determination based upon ESD-administered assessment(s) as deemed appropriate.

Grades/GPA Academic Awards

1. Students transferring from the following programs may receive, subject to procedures established by the ESD, the grades/GPA value earned from the student's previous school(s), program(s) for purposes of determining a student's cumulative GPA, academic recognition and awards (e.g., Top 10, valedictorian, salutatorian, etc.):
 - a. Standard Oregon schools, other states' standardized schools, or Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) schools;
 - b. Another district's approved alternative program;
 - c. A private alternative program registered with ODE or another state's department of education;
 - d. An accredited private school.

Appeals

Transcript evaluation decisions may be appealed to the Superintendent.