

EXTENDED INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

Course and credit requirements toward the granting of a diploma from a district high school may be met in some situations and under certain conditions by taking courses from a college or other approved school in lieu of high school courses. This includes some courses conducted jointly by the district and any of the regional postsecondary educational institutions.

Courses to apply toward a diploma must be given prior approval by the high school principal and the Curriculum Director(s).

1. Comparable course(s) to those offered in high school for credit.
2. Extensions of the high school program of such kind and specialty not offered in high school but academically or vocationally desirable.

The terms and conditions for such an alternative shall be:

1. Students in grades 11 or 12 may enroll in such courses provided that:
 - a. The student has been enrolled previously for at least a semester in a high school in the district and has shown satisfactory progress.
 - b. Extenuating circumstances acceptable to the principal prevent the student from attending any or part of the high school program during the regular school day.
 - c. The high school does not offer the course or courses to those regularly enrolled during the school day. In the latter case, the student also must be enrolled in the high school program for not less than four periods per day.
 - d. The student's schedule of classes is such that a desired class does not fit within the regular school day.
2. Arrangement for a student to take a course or courses for high school credit must be given approval by the high school principal and Director(s) of Curriculum prior to the registration of the class(es) as part of the educational program for that student.
 - a. Such approval must be made a matter of record in the student's cumulative folder.
 - b. Upon completion of the course(s), the official certification of course credit and grade must be forwarded to the high school. Such documentation must become part of the student's high school record. Upon completion of graduation course and credit requirements, the high school shall award a diploma with the current graduating class.

As a guideline:

- a. One-half Carnegie unit of high school credit shall be awarded for a five quarter-hour (or three semester-hour) college level course. One unit of high school credit shall be awarded for 10 quarter hours or six semester hours of college credit.
- b. At other accredited schools, one-half Carnegie unit of high school credit shall be awarded for no less than 65 hours of classroom interaction. One unit shall be awarded for no less than 130 actual hours.

The educational interpretation of this policy is that the Thompson District urges students to remain in regular attendance in high school to complete requirements for a high school diploma.

Courses offered in an adult program by the district that are not provided in the regular high school schedule may be made available to high school seniors in certain instances. High school dropouts or other students in extenuating circumstances may, upon prior approval, have an opportunity to continue their education and earn final requirements for a diploma in this manner.

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Cross ref: IHD, Adult Education Programs
 IKF, Graduation Requirements
 IHCDA, Postsecondary Options/Concurrent Enrollment