

INSTRUCTION AT A POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

Students in grades nine through twelve may receive academic or vocational-technical credits that count toward the graduation requirements set out by the board for courses successfully completed in postsecondary educational institutions. The eligible students may receive academic or vocational-technical credits through an agreement between a postsecondary educational institution or with the high school principal's approval on a case-by-case basis. Students who intend to enroll in a postsecondary educational institution will notify the school district during the course scheduling process prior to each semester. Eligible students may take up to two PSEO classes per semester at district cost. Additional courses beyond this limit per semester will be at student expense.

Students who have completed the eleventh grade but who have not completed the graduation requirements set out by the board may take up to seven semester hours of credit at a postsecondary educational institution during the summer months when school is not in session if the student pays for the courses. Upon successful completion of these summer courses, the students will receive academic or vocational-technical credit toward the graduation requirements set out by the board. Successful completion of the course will be determined by the postsecondary educational institution. The board will have complete discretion to determine the academic credit to be awarded to the student for the summer courses.

The following factors will be considered in the board's determination of whether a student will receive academic or vocational-technical credit toward the graduation requirements set out by the board for a course at a postsecondary educational institution:

- The student must complete a minimum of 36 credits from a high school.
- The course is taken from a public or accredited private postsecondary educational institution;
- A comparable course is not offered in the school district. A comparable course is one in which the subject matter or the purposes and objectives of the course are similar, in the judgment of the board, to a course offered in the school district;
- The course is in the discipline areas of mathematics, science, social sciences, humanities, vocational-technical education, or a course offered in the community college career options program;
- The course is a credit-bearing course that leads to a degree;
- The course is not religious or sectarian; and
- The course meets any other requirements set out by the board.

Students in grades eleven and twelve who take courses, other than courses taken under an agreement between the school district and the postsecondary educational institution, will be responsible for transportation without reimbursement to and from the location where the course is being offered.

Eligible ninth and tenth grade talented and gifted students and all eligible students in grades eleven and twelve, may take up to two PSEO classes per semester at district cost up to \$250. Students who take courses during the summer months when school is not in session will be responsible for the costs of attendance for the courses.

Students who fail the course and fail to receive credit will reimburse the school district for all costs directly related to the course. Prior to registering for the course, students under age eighteen will have a parent sign a form indicating that the parent is responsible for the costs of the course should the student fail the course and fail to receive credit for the course. Students who fail the course and fail to receive credit for the course for reasons beyond their control, including but not limited to, the student's incapacity, death in the family or a move to another district, may not be responsible for the costs of the course. The school board may waive reimbursement of costs to the school district for the previously listed reasons. Students dissatisfied with the school board's decision will appeal to the AEA for a waiver of reimbursement.

The high school principal is responsible for annually notifying students and parents of the opportunity to take courses at postsecondary educational institutions in accordance with this policy. The superintendent will also be responsible for developing the appropriate forms and procedures for implementing this policy.

Legal References: Iowa Code §§ 256.11; 258; 261E; 279.61, 280.3, 280.14
281 I.A.C. 12 and 22

Cross References: 505 Student Scholastic Achievement
604.3 Program for Talented and Gifted Student

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