

Students

Progress

High School Credit for Courses Taken by Middle School Students

The Watertown Unified School District is committed to providing an appropriate and rigorous academic experience for student learners present within the District.

Wisconsin Act 138 (2013) permits a School Board to count a credit that a pupil earns in 7th or 8th grade toward the requirements for high school graduation if all of the conditions are met as follows:

1. The pupil's performance on a statewide assessment or a similar examination approved by the School Board demonstrates that the pupil is academically prepared for coursework that is offered in the high school grades.
2. The credit is earned in a course that is taught by a teacher who is licensed to teach the subject in high school grades.
3. The credit is earned in a course that is taught using curriculum and assessments that are equivalent to the curriculum and assessments used to teach the subject in the high school grades.

Procedures:

High School credit will be awarded to middle school students for taking equivalent high school courses at the middle school and for courses taken at the high school while enrolled in grades 7-8. This credit can count toward the District requirement of 23 credits and as part of the specific requirement in the various academic areas. Students involved in earning these credits will still be required to take 4 credits of English, 3 credits of social studies, 3* credits of math, 3* credits of science, and 1.5 credits of physical education in grades 9-12. The course(s) will automatically appear on the transcript with credit given and the grade will be computed in the grade point average. If a parent/guardian determines at any point in the student's career that the course(s) should not be included in the student's grade point average, the parent/guardian must contact their son/daughter's counselor in writing for removal of the grade from the transcript. (This does not apply to the high school health course.) The course(s) will still appear on the student's transcript, but the grade(s) will not appear on the transcript; credit will be given, but the grade will not be computed as part of the high school grade point average.

Additionally:

- A. Middle school students enrolled in courses taught at the high school by a high school teacher as part of a DEP (Differentiated Education Plan) will have the course(s) count toward high school graduation requirements and high school GPA calculation.
- B. Students in eighth grade enrolled in high school equivalent Algebra 1 will receive high school credit. The 3* credits required math must still be taken in grades 9-12 to meet graduation requirements.
- C. Students in eighth grade enrolled in Geometry at Watertown High School may receive credit toward the 3* required math credits needed to graduate or may opt for an elective credit.

*Students graduating in 2017 and beyond will be required to complete 3 credits of mathematics and 3 credits of science in grades 9-12. Up to 1 science credit may be a qualified agriculture course or career and technical education course. Up to 1 mathematics credit may be a qualified science course or career and technical education course.

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