

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 at postsecondary educational institutions. The student may receive academic and/or vocational-technical credits through an agreement between the district and a post-secondary educational institution or with the board's approval on a case-by-case basis.

Students in grades nine and ten who the district has identified as talented and gifted students and any students in grades eleven and twelve are eligible to take postsecondary educational courses. Students are eligible to take postsecondary educational courses if they meet all of the requirements outlined in this policy and as required by the postsecondary educational institution, and if the student has obtained the approval of the superintendent and/or designee. Eligible students wishing to participate in the postsecondary educational courses shall apply to the eligible post-secondary educational institution.

Students may not enroll in a postsecondary education course if the district offers a comparable course through its curricular program. For purposes of this policy, comparable course is determined at the discretion of administration and generally means that the content of a course provided to a high school student for postsecondary credit consists of substantially the same concepts and skills as the content of a course provided by the school district.

Students in grades nine and ten who are in the talented and gifted program and all students in grades eleven and twelve who successfully complete courses at postsecondary educational institutions under an agreement between the district and the postsecondary educational institution or with the board's approval shall be reimbursed for tuition and other costs directly related to taking any postsecondary education course during the school year up to \$250, except as otherwise outlined in this policy. The district may, instead of reimbursing the student, directly pay the postsecondary educational institution.

Should a student fail any course at a post-secondary educational institution and fail to receive credit for any course at a post-secondary educational institution, the student and our students' parents shall be responsible for the cost of the course. Prior to registering for any course at a postsecondary educational institution, and 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 a course and fail to receive credit for a 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, in the board's discretion, may not be responsible for the costs of the course. Students dissatisfied with the board's decision regarding the re-payment of the costs of the course may appeal to the AEA for a waiver of reimbursement.

Students in grades nine and ten who are in the talented and gifted program and students in grades eleven and twelve who take courses, other than courses taken under an agreement between the District and the postsecondary educational institution and/or approved by the Board, are responsible for tuition, transportation to and from the location where the course is being offered,

and other costs directly related to taking any postsecondary education course. The students and/or their parents shall not receive reimbursement for tuition, transportation or other expenses. Students who take courses during the summer months when school is not in session are responsible for tuition, transportation to and from the location where the course is being offered, and other costs directly related to taking any postsecondary education course.

Successful completion of any course at a postsecondary educational institution is determined by the postsecondary educational institution. The board shall have complete discretion to determine the amount of academic credit to be awarded to the student for the courses taken during the school year and for the courses taken during the summer.

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

- the course is taken from a public or accredited private post-secondary educational institution;
- a comparable course is not 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.

All courses approved and paid for by the district, and those courses approved by the district and paid for by the student/family will:

- a. Be recorded on the official student transcript, including the letter grade granted by the postsecondary educational institution or the pass-fail indication granted by the postsecondary educational institution.
- b. Be included in figuring class rank, including valedictorian and salutatorian status, and GPA at Monticello High School.
- c. Be given graduation credit, as determined by the board. Typically, a three (3) or four (4) semester hour postsecondary course will be awarded one (1) graduation credit at Monticello High School.

The superintendent or designee is responsible for annually notifying students and parents of the opportunity to take courses at post-secondary educational institutions in accordance with this policy. The superintendent or designee will also be responsible for developing the appropriate forms and procedures for implementing this policy.

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