

DODGELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Policy Manual

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HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT FOR COURSES TAKEN BY 7TH AND 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

The Dodgeland School District is committed to providing an appropriate and rigorous academic experience for student learners present within the District. The School Board permits students in the 7th and 8th grade to take courses and earn credits that meet high school graduation requirements when all of the following conditions are met:

1. The student's performance on a statewide assessment or a similar examination approved by the School Board demonstrates that the student 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.

High School credit will be awarded to students enrolled in the 7th and 8th grade for taking equivalent high school courses at the middle school and for courses taken at the high school. This credit can count toward the District requirement of 26 credits and as part of the specific requirement in the various academic areas. Students awarded these credits will generally be required to earn the following credits when enrolled in grades 9 – 12: 4 credits of English, 3 credits of social studies, 3 credits of math, 3 credits of science, and 1.5 credits of physical education.

Courses taken for high school credit in 7th and 8th grade will automatically appear on transcripts with both the credits and grades earned. Grades will be computed into grade point averages (GPAs). Exceptions may be made at any point in the student's career if the parent/guardian determines that the course(s) should not be included in the student's grade point average. The parent/guardian must contact the student's school counselor and request in writing the removal of the grade(s) from the transcript. The course(s) will still appear on the student's transcript with credit awarded, but the grade(s) will not appear on the transcript and will not be calculated into the high school grade point average.

Additionally:

- Students in 8th grade enrolled in high school equivalent Algebra 1 will receive high school credit.
- Students in 8th grade enrolled in Geometry at the high school may receive credit toward the 3 required math credits needed to graduate or may opt for an elective credit.

CROSS REF.: 345.1, Grading Systems
345.1-Rule, High School Grading Guidelines
345.6, Graduation Requirements

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