

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS TAKING HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT COURSES

In accordance with the Standards of Accreditation parents of middle school students taking high school courses may request that grades be omitted from their child's transcript. The student will not earn high school credit for the course and this course will not count towards the student's grade point average (GPA).

The initial decision to count a student's grade for high school courses taken in middle school is at the family's discretion and should be made as the student leaves middle school. Grades will count towards the student's GPA.

With the final middle school report card, middle schools will provide parents a form outlining the high school course(s) taken in middle school and the final grade(s) received. Families will have the choice to count or not count their child's grades for the course. The form will need to be signed by the parent and returned to the school. If a family desires to change their decision regarding whether or not to count their child's grade, they must contact their child's school counselor in writing by the final school day of their child's eleventh grade year. The request will be forwarded to the school principal who will make the final decision as to whether or not to allow the change after consulting with the Office of Instruction. Once this deadline has passed, the agreement entered into is binding and cannot be changed.

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Procedures:

1. Families are notified that they may omit the grade from a course taken in middle school from their child's high school transcript.
2. Families are notified that if they decide to omit the grade from the child's high school transcript, then there is a possibility the child will not be able to earn the sufficient number of verified credits in order to receive an Advanced Studies Diploma.
3. In order to earn an Advanced Studies Diploma, a child must earn four math credits of which two must be verified credits. Math courses earning verified credits are Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II. Verified credits cannot be transferred from middle school unless the credit received in the course is also transferred. Students may continue with the next level high school course even if the grade is omitted from the high school transcript. Students receiving a "C" or lower in a high school course taken in middle school are strongly encouraged to discuss their options with the high school counselors and their parents.
4. An NCR form outlining the high school course(s) taken in middle school and the grades received each semester will be sent to families with the final middle school report card. Families have the choice to count or not count their child's grades for the course.
5. The form needs to be signed, indicating parental decision, and returned to the middle school by the 3rd week of June. If the form is not returned, the grade is automatically transferred to the high school transcript.
6. If a family desires to change their decision regarding whether or not to count their child's grade, they must contact their child's school counselor in writing by the final school day of their child's eleventh grade year. The request will be forwarded to the school principal who will make the final decision as to whether or not to allow the change after consulting with the Office of Instruction. Once this deadline has passed, the agreement entered into is binding and cannot be changed.

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