

# POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

NEPN/NSBA Code: IHCDA

The intent of this policy is to establish the requirements for student enrollment in post- secondary courses taken before high school graduation.

## Eligible Institutions

Students may take courses at eligible post- secondary institutions within Maine, which include the University of Maine System, the Community College System and Maine Maritime Academy.

## Student Eligibility Requirements

A student must meet the following criteria prior to enrolling in a post-secondary course:

- A. Have a minimum of a "B" [or 3.0] average in his/her courses overall;
- B. Meet the course admission standards of the eligible institution;
- C. Provide evidence of parent/guardian approval for taking the course; and
- D. Obtain approval from the principal and guidance counselor. The student must develop a plan describing how the course will help the student meet graduation requirements in order to obtain approval.

## Exceptions to Eligibility Requirements

A student enrolled in grade 11 or 12 who does not meet the "B" [or 3.0] average in his/her courses overall is eligible to take a post-secondary course provided that he/she:

- A. Has been assessed and received a recommendation to take the course from the school administration; and

## Awarding of Credits

The eligible institution shall grant full credit to any student who successfully completes a course. High school graduation credit for a course taken under this policy shall be awarded as follows:

- A. The course must meet for a minimum of one semester.
- B. The student must earn a passing grade in the course.
- C. Attendance must satisfy the eligible institution instructor's requirements.
- D. If the above criteria are met, the student shall receive one (1) high school credit for each one semester college course completed.

## Financial Assistance

- A. The Maine Department of Education may pay applicable tuition costs for any student enrolled in a course under this policy if the eligible institution requires tuition payment funding is available.
- B. The student and his/her parent/guardian are responsible for paying for all textbooks, course fees and transportation costs.

## School Unit Reporting Requirements

The Superintendent shall ensure that information concerning post- secondary enrollment options is made available to parents and students.

The Superintendent shall provide an annual report to the School Board regarding the number of students taking courses at post-secondary institutions and the courses taken.

Legal Reference: 20- A MRSA § 4771 et seq.

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