

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAHOMET-SEYMOUR COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.3
Mahomet, Illinois**

Agenda Item No.: 7.
Date: March 6, 2023
Presented by: BOE Request

BRIEFING

TOPIC:
Policy 6:310

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At our last BOE meeting, it was requested to discuss BOE Policy 6:310 (High School credit from for non-district experiences, course substitutions and re-entering students).

Included you will find a proposed policy submitted by Mrs. Hennesy, as well as the current policy that we have in our BOE Policy Manual.

If the board chooses to agree to the proposed policy by Mrs. Hennesy, we will acknowledge the discussion as a first reading, and bring the proposal back to you for a second reading and approval on March 20, 2023.

INSTRUCTION

6:310 High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students

Credit for Non-District Experiences

The student must seek approval from the Superintendent or designee to receive graduation credit for any non-District course or experience. The Superintendent or designee shall determine the amount of credit and whether a proficiency examination is required before the credit is awarded. As approval is not guaranteed, students should seek conditional approval of the experience before participating in a non-District course or experience. The student assumes responsibility for any fee, tuition, supply, or other expense. The student seeking credit is responsible for (1) providing documents or transcripts that demonstrate successful completion of the experience, and (2) taking a proficiency examination, if requested. The Superintendent or designee shall determine which, if any, non-District courses or experiences, will count toward a student's grade point average, class rank, and eligibility for athletic and extracurricular activities. This section does not govern the transfer of credits for students transferring into the District.

Credit Recovery

A student enrolled in an on-line, virtual learning, dual credit, or college/university course may receive high school credit for work completed, provided:

The course is offered by an institution approved by the Superintendent or designee.

Enrollment in these courses is approved by the Superintendent or designee.

The student assumes responsibility for all fees (including tuition and textbooks). Exceptions may be considered by the principal.

IHSA rules will determine online courses being counted towards athletic eligibility.

These courses may be counted toward semester eligibility with approval by the Superintendent or designee.

Exceptions to any of the above criteria must be approved by Superintendent or designee.

Courses Exceeding District Curriculum

A student enrolled in an on-line, virtual learning, dual credit, or college/university course may receive high school credit for work completed, provided:

Students must have completed the top level offered at MSHS in one of the following areas (English, math, science, and world language) prior to consideration.

The course is offered by an institution approved by the Superintendent or designee.

Enrollment in these courses is approved by the Superintendent or designee.

The student assumes responsibility for all fees (including tuition and textbooks). Exceptions may be considered by the Superintendent or designee.

Online courses will be determined by IHSA rules if they will be counted toward athletic eligibility.

These courses may be counted toward semester eligibility with approval by the Superintendent or designee.

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Supplemental Courses (courses not offered at MSHS)

The course is offered by an institution approved by the Superintendent or designee.

Enrollment in these courses is approved by the Superintendent or designee.

The student assumes responsibility for all fees (including tuition and textbooks). Exceptions may be considered by the Superintendent or designee.

Online courses will be determined by IHSA rules if they will be counted toward athletic eligibility.

These courses may be counted toward semester eligibility with approval by the Superintendent or designee.

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Dual Credit Courses

A student who successfully completes a dual credit course may receive credit at both the college and high school level.

Foreign Language Courses

A student will receive high school credit by studying foreign language in an approved ethnic school program, provided such program meets the minimum standards established by the State Board of Education.

The amount of credit will be based on foreign language proficiency achieved. The Building Principal may require a student seeking foreign language credit to successfully complete a foreign language proficiency examination.

Substitutions for Physical Education, Adapted Physical Education and Other Required Courses – (Course Substitutions).

Registered Apprenticeship Program. The Superintendent or designee will ensure that the District complies with State law requirements for registered apprenticeship programs. The opportunities and requirements for registered apprenticeship programs contained in this policy will be posted on the District's website, and parents/guardians and students will also be notified of such opportunities in the appropriate school handbook(s).

A student in grades 9-12 who is 16 years or older may satisfy one or more high school courses (including physical education) or graduation requirements by successfully completing a registered apprenticeship program if:

1. The registered apprenticeship program meets all criteria contained in State law;
2. The registered apprenticeship program is listed by the District, or the student identifies a registered (but not listed) apprenticeship program with a business or organization if one is not offered in the District;
3. The student enrolled in a registered apprenticeship program has the opportunity to earn post-

secondary credit toward a certificate or degrees, as applicable;

4. The student's parent/guardian requests and approves the substitution(s) in writing on forms provided by the District and on its website;
5. The Building Principal approves the substitution(s); and
6. All non-academic requirements mandated by the School Code for high school graduation that would otherwise prohibit or prevent the student from participating in the registered apprenticeship program are waived.

A student in grades 11-12, unless otherwise stated, may submit a written request to the Building Principal to be excused from physical education courses for the reasons stated below. The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records showing that the criteria set forth in this policy were applied to the student's individual circumstances.

1. Ongoing participation in a marching band program for credit;
2. Ongoing participation in an interscholastic or extracurricular athletic program;
3. Enrollment in academic classes that are required for admission to an institution of higher learning; or
4. Enrollment in academic classes that are required for graduation from high school, provided that failure to take such classes will result in the student being unable to graduate.

A student who is eligible for special education may be excused from physical education courses pursuant to 7:260, *Exemption from Physical Education*.

Re-Entering Students

Individuals younger than 21 years of age may re-enter high school to acquire a high school diploma or an equivalency certificate, subject to the limitations in Board policy 7:50, *School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools*. Re-entering students may obtain credit through the successful completion of the following (not all of these may be available at any one time):

1. District courses
2. Non-District experiences described in this policy
3. Classes in a program established under [Section 10-22.20 of the School Code](#), in accordance with the standards established by the Illinois Community College Board

LEGAL REF.:

[105 ILCS 5/2-3.44](#), [5/2-3.108](#), [5/2-3.115](#), [5/2-3.142](#), [5/2-3.175](#), [5/10-22.43a](#), [5/27-6](#), [5/27-22.3](#), and [5/27-22.05](#).

[110 ILCS 27/](#), Dual Credit Quality Act.

[23 Ill.Admin.Code §§1.425\(e\)](#), [1.440\(f\)](#), [1.470\(c\)](#), and [Part 255](#).

CROSS REF.: 6:180 (Extended Instructional Programs), 6:300 (Graduation Requirements), 6:315 (High School Credit for Students in Grade 7 or 8), 6:320 (High School Credit for Proficiency), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools), 7:260 (Exemption from Physical Education)

Adopted: March 22, 2021

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Credit for Non-District Experiences and Courses Taken at a **Non-Accredited Institutions**

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Accredited Online, Dual Credit, or College/University Courses

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The course is offered by an institution approved by the Superintendent or designee.

Equivalencies for courses taken elsewhere, that are offered at MSHS, will be approved by the principal or designee and must be taken at an accredited institution.

Credit for courses taken elsewhere that are not offered at MSHS will be approved by the principal or designee.

A student replacing a specific graduation requirement (other than total credits) must be enrolled in 4 courses at MSHS during that academic year.

The student assumes responsibility for all fees (including tuition and textbooks). Exceptions may be considered by the Superintendent or designee.

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