

POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

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 Technical College System and Maine Maritime Academy.

Students may be allowed to take courses at private colleges or other institutions. Any such requests shall be considered on a case-by-case basis.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A student may take no more than one course per semester and two courses per academic year unless the student is willing to pay for additional courses.

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

- A. Demonstrate scholarship predictive of success in the course, generally considered to be a minimum cumulative average of "B" (or 3.0).
- B. Meet the course admission standards of the eligible institution.
- C. Provide evidence of parent/guardian approval for taking the course.
- D. Obtain approval from the principal and guidance counselor.
- E. Be a Junior or a Senior.

AWARDING OF CREDITS

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 of "C" or better in the course.
- C. Attendance must satisfy the instructor's requirements, and the eligible institution must record and report attendance to the high school.
- D. If the above criteria are met, the student shall receive one (1) credit for each course.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- A. The Maine Department of Education shall pay applicable tuition costs to the extent funds are available for any student enrolled in a course under this policy if the eligible institution requires

tuition payment.

- B. The student and his/her parent/guardian are responsible for paying for all textbooks, lab and other course fees and transportation costs.
- C. MSAD #56 may pay these tuition costs and the cost of textbooks and course fees only under exceptional circumstances, and with the approval of the Board of Directors.

MSAD #56 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 Board of Directors 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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