

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 Vocational Technical College System and Maine Maritime Academy.

Students may be allowed to take courses at private colleges or other institution at the same level of cost as the University of Maine System, the Vocational Technical College System or Maine Maritime Academy. Any such requests shall be considered on a case-by-case basis to the extent that funds are available.

Student Eligibility Requirements

No student may take more than one course per semester and two courses per academic year. This may be waived by the Superintendent or designee.

All students 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 their 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.

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 instructor's requirements.
- D. If the above criteria are met, the student shall receive .5 high school credits for each course.

Financial Assistance

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- A. The Maine Department of Education shall pay applicable tuition costs for any student enrolled in a course under this policy if the eligible institution requires tuition payment.
- B. The student's parents/guardians 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.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA 4771 et seq.