

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT #33

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 Maine Community College System, and the Maine Maritime Academy.

Student Eligibility Requirements

A student may take no more than one course per semester and two courses per academic year.

It is the intent of this policy to make allowances to supplement and not to supplant any course offered at Wisdom High School. Only under special allowances from the principal and the guidance counselor may a student enroll in a post secondary course if the same course or similar course is offered at the high school.

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

- A. Have a minimum of a “B” 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.

Exceptions to Eligibility Requirements

A student enrolled in grade 11 or 12 who does not meet the “B” 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
- B. Has been approved for participation in the course by the eligible institution.

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 one high school credit for each 3-credit post-secondary course.

Financial Assistance

- A. The Maine Department of Education and/or MSAD #33 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 and his/her parent/guardian are responsible for paying for all textbooks, course fees, and transportation costs.

School Unit Reporting Requirements

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

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

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