



LONDONDERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT

PENDING POLICY IMBD READING SCHEDULE

1 st Reading	February 20, 2018
2 nd Reading	March 20, 2018
3 rd Reading	April 2018



Londonderry School District
Office of Assistant Superintendent

"Giving Wings to Children's Dreams"

Memo

To: Scott Laliberte
From: Dan Black
Date: February 14^t, 2018
Re: First Reading of Potential Policy IMBD

As a reminder from our January 16th School Board Meeting, the New Hampshire Minimum Standards state that, *"The local school board shall develop a policy that grants acknowledgement of achievement to students taking coursework in the seventh or eighth grade toward high school graduation, if the course demonstrates district or graduation competencies consistent with related high school course(s) and the student achieves satisfactory standards of performance."* ED 306.261 – (e) Effective July 1st 2017.

The prior language in the minimum standards specifically stated "earning credit" but the newest version speaks more towards "grants acknowledgement of achievement." Many surrounding school districts have created policies that allow for 7th and 8th graders earning credit at the High School level.

At the January 16th meeting, we updated the Londonderry Middle School Program of Studies to allow this approach to earning High School credit, with School Board approval in time.

The February 20th School Board Meeting will be the first reading of the attached policy, "IMBD – High School Credit for 7th/8th Grade Coursework".

The principals, curriculum coordinators, and guidance from the High School and Middle School have already discussed and support the idea of 7th and 8th graders earning credit. If the School Board eventually approves a policy along these lines, we believe the current Algebra 1 would be ready for the 2018-19 school year. In time, ideally by 2019-20, Foreign Language classes could be ready for this approach as well.

HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT FOR 7TH/8TH GRADE COURSEWORK

Students in 7th or 8th grade may take advanced courses and apply the credit of those courses toward high school graduation competencies, provided the course demonstrates content requirements consistent with related high school courses and the student achieves satisfactory standards of performance. School Board policies relative to assessment, mastery and competency shall apply.

The high school and middle school principals shall work together yearly to approve such course work and credit prior to the student enrolling in the class in order for such credit to be applied toward high school graduation.

Legal References:

Ed 306.26(f), Granting High School Credit for 7th/8th Grade Coursework (until July 1, 2017)

Ed 306.261(e), Granting High School Credit for 7th/8th Grade Coursework (after July 1, 2017)

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HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT FOR 7TH/8TH GRADE COURSEWORK

Any courses eligible for 7th and 8th grade students to earn high school credit should be agreed upon between the leadership of both the middle school, high school, and the Superintendent's office prior to the yearly presentation of the Middle School Program of Studies.

To be eligible to earn high school credit towards graduation, the leadership of the middle school and high school, in coordination with the Superintendent's office, will determine the level of competency needed to achieve that credit based on course assessments that are common to that course in both buildings.

For a student that earns credit in their 7th and/or 8th grade year for high school graduation, they will be granted a "passing" grade only on their high school transcript.

Students in 7th and/or 8th grade, who wish to earn credit for high school through "extended learning opportunities" and/or "virtual/online" classes, must first ensure those classes follow the requirements outlined in School Board Policy INAA Extended Learning Opportunities Virtual/Online Education.

Any student that transfers from out of district will be subject to a standard review by the Londonderry High School Guidance Department to determine if they are eligible to be awarded credit for their prior coursework, including advanced courses they took while in middle school.

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