

COMPETENT PRIVATE INSTRUCTION CREDITS, GRADES, AND GRADUATION FOR THE HOME SCHOOLED

PURPOSE

To ensure that home schooled students who graduate from the Waterloo Community School District have at least the equivalent of the minimum education required of those who attend on a full-time basis.

I. FAMILIES RESIDING WITHIN THE DISTRICT

This section is for families who reside in the Waterloo School District, wish to home school their children for grades 9-12, and want them to receive a diploma from the Waterloo Community Schools.

A. CREDITS TOWARD GRADUATION

In order to receive course credit toward graduation, a high school student (grades 9-12) taking a course at home must take and pass the semester test at the end of each semester or another district approved assessment, like COMPASS. The test will be administered at East High, West High, Expo, or the Education Service Center and will be the same test given to Waterloo Students taking the course in school. The home schooled student does not have to take the final test at the same time as in-school students but may be tested whenever ready. Passing will be the same percentage correct as the minimum requirement for a D- letter grade.

Students taking correspondence courses through a pre-approved accredited institution will be given credit toward graduation if the accredited institution indicates the student passes the courses. District students enrolled in online courses will take the tests offered with the online courses.

The District will loan texts and supplementary curriculum material to parents for any class offered at East or West High.

In order to graduate, the student must meet the same graduation requirements as those of the class going through graduation that school year and must meet the Iowa Test of Educational Development (ITED) 251 national standard score requirement.

B. GRADE POINT AVERAGES AND RANK IN CLASS

All such courses taken at home or by correspondence at the same time as other fully-enrolled students within the Waterloo Community Schools will be counted for credits but not grades or class rank.

Students earning a passing score on the semester criterion referenced test or a passing grade on a correspondence course through a pre-approved accredited institution will receive credit for the course and only a pass (P) on the transcript.

II. FAMILIES ORIGINATING OUTSIDE OF THE DISTRICT

This section is for families who move into the Waterloo Community School District after their children have entered the ninth grade, wish to home school their children, and want them to receive a diploma from the Waterloo Community Schools.

A. SPECIAL RULES WHEN MOVING INTO THE DISTRICT

The Waterloo Community Schools will accept all credits shown on the transcript from the last accredited school district in which the student resided.

All classes taken at the same time as other fully-enrolled students within the previous school district will be counted for credits the same as all other students. Students taking pre-approved correspondence courses will receive credit given by the institution where the courses are taken.

All other rules concerning credits, grades, graduation, and honors as mentioned previously are in effect except where specifically changed in this section.

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