

ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS TO CLASSES AND GRADE LEVELS FROM NON-ACCREDITED SCHOOLS

The District will accept credits of students transferring from non-accredited schools subject to the following conditions and guidelines.

1. The student's placement may not be in a grade level higher than warranted by the student's chronological age, assuming entry into the first grade at age six (beginning in 2010, the age to begin is five) and annual grade advancement thereafter. After initial placement the child may be advanced according to the student's demonstrated performance.
2. In grades kindergarten (K) through eight (8) student grade placement will be determined through interview with the prospective student, parents, principal and teachers. Students may also be required to take appropriate achievement tests to assess knowledge and skill development to determine grade placement. The building principal, in consultation with the assistant superintendent, will determine the grade placement.
3. In grades nine (9) through twelve (12) in all subjects the student shall be interviewed and shall take a departmental examination in each course for which the granting of credit is being considered. After the examination and interview with the student, the department chairperson and staff will recommend to the building principal whether or not credit is to be granted for the course. The building principal will determine if credit is granted to a student.
4. Credit will not be granted for any science course unless clear documentation is provided demonstrating that the student has satisfactorily participated in laboratory experiences which parallel or are consistent with those required in this district's science courses.
5. A student whose previous high school enrollment has been in a non-accredited school may receive a high school diploma from the District if the student has met all graduation requirements of the District as determined by Board policy, and if the student is enrolled full-time for the entire senior year in Watertown High School.
6. Any parent or guardian who is dissatisfied with the placement of a student may appeal to the superintendent. The parent, if dissatisfied with the decision of the superintendent, may appeal to the Secretary of Education.

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