

## Instruction

### Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs, and Course Substitutions

A maximum of eight classes or the equivalent of four (4) total Galesburg High School credits from summer school courses, dual credit and dual enrollment courses and Illinois Virtual High School or Online Courses may be earned toward the requirements for a student's high school graduation. Courses which are part of the District Curriculum (i.e. in the course catalog) and taken as part of a cooperative between the school and another educational entity (i.e. GAVC Course with Carl Sandburg College); Summer School Coursework or an online program such as APEX which is taken as part of the GHS and GHSN curriculum, are not subject to the eight (4 credits) course limits.

#### Illinois Virtual High School or Online Courses

A student enrolled in an Illinois Virtual High School or online course, will receive high school credit for work completed, provided:

1. The course is offered by an institution approved by the Superintendent or designee;
2. The student is a junior or senior in good academic standing;
3. The student assumes all responsibility for all applicable fees;
4. The course is discussed in advance with the student's school counselor, parent, and the GHS Principal and/or his designee (counselor, department chair, etc.). These courses are not intended to supplant a current GHS Course.
5. The student earns a passing grade for the class.

A student will receive high school credit for successfully completing: (1) any course given by an institution accredited by AdvanceED or the Higher Learning Commission, and (2) independent study in a curriculum area not offered by the District (or is being used for credit recovery).

#### Independent Study

A student will receive high school credit for successfully completing an independent study in a curriculum area not offered by the District, provided the student obtains the consent of a supervising teacher as well as the Building Principal.

#### Substitutions for Physical Education, Adapted Physical Education and Other Required Courses

A student in grades 9-12, unless otherwise stated, may submit a written request to the Building Principal to be excused from physical education courses for the reasons stated below. The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records showing that the criteria set forth in this policy were applied to the student's individual circumstances.

1. Enrollment in a marching band program for credit;
2. Enrollment in academic classes that are required for admission to an institution of higher learning (student must be in the 11th or 12th grade); or
3. Enrollment in academic classes that are required for graduation from high school, provided that failure to take such classes will result in the student being unable to graduate (student must be in the 11th or 12th grade).

A student requiring adapted physical education must receive that service in accordance with the student's Individualized Educational Program/Plan (IEP).

A student who is eligible for special education may be excused from physical education courses when:

1. He or she is in grades 3-12, and his or her IEP requires that special education support and services be provided during physical education time, and the student's parent/guardian agrees or the IEP team makes the determination;
2. He or she has an IEP and is participating in an adaptive athletic program outside of the school setting, and the parent/guardian documents the student's participation as required by the Superintendent or designee.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/2-3.44, 5/2-3.108, 5/2-3.115, 5/2-3.142, 5/10-22.43a, 5/27-6, 5/27-22.3, and 5/27-22.05.  
23 Ill.Admin.Code §§1.420(p), 1.440(f), and 1.470(c).

CROSS REF.: 6:180 (Extended Instructional Programs), 6:300 (Graduation Requirements), 6:312 (Dual Credit and Dual Enrollment Courses) 6:315 (High School Credit for Students in Grades 7 or 8), 6:320 (High School Credit for Proficiency), 7:260 (Exemption from Physical Activity)

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