

# HORTONVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Title:** Granting Credit for High School  
Level Courses Taught at the  
Middle School Level

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**Policy Statement:**

The Hortonville Area School District Board of Education believes that it is in the best interest of all middle school students to have the option of taking high school level classes if they are willing and able.

**Rationale:**

Middle level students often are performing at a level that allows them the opportunity to enroll in courses taught at the high school level.

**Scope:** Students entering Grade 9-12.

**Responsibility:** Administrators, Middle and High School Guidance Counselors

**Implementation:**

1. Middle level students taking high school level classes are not considered a high school student until fully enrolled at the high school.
2. Middle level students who take a course that is also offered at the high school level, must complete the course with a passing grade in order to receive credit. This credit shall be reflected on each student's cumulative record and high school transcript as a department credit and can be applied toward credits required for graduation.  
Should a school district permit accumulation of high school credits prior to entry to Grade 9, a student must still take at least four (4) credits of English, three (3) credits of social studies, two (2) credits of science, two (2) credits of mathematics and one and one-half (1½) credits of physical education in Grades 9-12 to meet State requirements.
3. Grades earned in high school level courses taken prior to full enrollment in Grade 9 will not be used to determine grade point average of high school grades.
4. If a student receives a grade of "B" or better, he/she will have the opportunity to enroll in the next sequential course. Because a grade lower than a "B" indicates the probability that the student has substantial difficulty with the next sequential course, credit will be granted but retaking the course will be encouraged before moving on. Should a higher grade be earned upon retaking the course, this grade will replace the lower grade.
5. Any course taught at the middle school level for which high school credit is granted, must be taught by a high school certified instructor and must include the same content and objectives as the high school course.

**Associated Information:** Policy #5030 Graduation Requirements

President \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_