

**SCHOOL POLICIES  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 16**

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<b>SERIES</b>	600	Educational Program
<b>SUBJECT</b>	620	Credit for Learning
<b>Adopted</b>		April 24, 2001
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**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to recognize student achievement which occurs in other schools, in alternative learning sites, and in out-of-school experiences such as community organizations, work-based learning, and other educational activities and opportunities.

**II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The school district will develop and provide processes and procedures by which students may meet graduation requirements, whether the school district offers the content standard in its curriculum or the student accomplishes the work in another learning environment. The school district will provide a process for transfer of credit for courses completed in another Minnesota school district, recognition of work completed in other schools and post-secondary institutions, and credit for standards achieved in extra-curricular activities, activities outside the school, previous learning, and community and work experiences. The school district will comply with requirements of state law that allows students to earn credit by formal assessment or other alternatives.

**III. CREDIT FOR LEARNING**

- A. The school district will adopt standards and procedures by which students in grades 9 through 12 may receive credit for:
  - 1. Satisfactory completion of a post-secondary enrollment options courses or programs under Minnesota Statutes §124D.09;
  - 2. Transfer of course credits from a Minnesota school district or other approved programs;
  - 3. Credit by assessment for a course required for high school graduation that is offered by the district; and

4. Credit for prior learning in another learning environment.

B. The school district offers weighted grades for courses that are identified as more rigorous or academically challenging.

The standards and procedures for application and/or implementation of the school district's credit for learning opportunities, and weighted grades, shall be reviewed annually and made available to students and parents on the district website.

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. § 120B.02 (Educational Expectations for Minnesota's Students)

Minn. Stat. § 120B.11 (School District Process)

Minn. Stat. § 124D.09 (Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Act)

Minn. Stat. § 124D.095 (On-Line Learning Option)

Minn. Stat. § 120B.02 (Educational Expectations for Minnesota students)

Minn. Stat. § 124D.03, subd. 9 (Enrollment Options Program)

Minn. Stat. § 120B.14 (Advanced Academic Credit)