

OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
2022-23

DATE: March 6, 2023
TIME: 5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: via Google Meet and Conference Calls* (meet.google.com/qne-kidk-ske)
or via phone at 1 470-273-8706 PIN: 571 738 728#

Order of Business

Call to Order

Roll Call

Proof of Notice of Meeting and Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

AGENDA

- A. Public Comment Regarding Agenda Items
- B. Old Business
 - 1. Policy 342 - Start College Now (*New Policy*)
- C. New Business
 - 1. None
- D. Future Business:
 - 1. Policy 341 - Early College Credit Program
- E. Future Meeting: April 10, 2023
- F. Adjournment

Notice is hereby given that a majority of the Oregon School Board may be present at the meeting of the Policy Committee scheduled to discuss subjects over which they may have decision-making responsibility. This constitutes a meeting of the Oregon School Board and must be noticed as such although the School Board will not take any formal action at this meeting.

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MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD ON FEBRUARY 13, 2023

The regular meeting of the Policy Committee of the School Board of the Oregon School District was called to order by Ms. Heather Garrison at 5:02 PM at the Oregon High School in the Innovation Center Conference Room.

Committee Members Present: Ms. Heather Garrison and Leslie Wright

Absent: Dr. Mary Lokuta

Other Board Members Present: Ms. Flanagan and Mr. LeBrun

Administrators present: Jina Jonen, Dr. Leslie Bergstrom, Jon Tanner, Andy Weiland and Candace Weidensee

Others present: OEA: Colleen Schell

Proof in the form of a certificate by the Oregon Observer of communications and notice given to the public and the Oregon Observer, and a certification of posting as required by Section 19.84 Wisconsin Statutes as to the holding of this meeting was presented by Ms. Garrison.

Ms. Wright moved to approve the agenda as posted. Ms. Wright voted yes. Ms. Garrison voted yes. Motion approved 2-0.

Ms. Wright moved to approve the minutes from January 9, 2023, as posted. Ms. Wright voted yes. Ms. Garrison voted yes. Motion approved 2-0.

A. Public Comment: None

B. Old Business:

1. Policy 722 - Animals In School (New): Discussion held. Ms. Wright moved to approve Policy 722 with revisions. Ms. Wright voted yes. Ms. Garrison voted yes. Motion approved 2-0.

C. New Business:

1. Policy 611 - Financial: Discussion held. Ms. Wright moved to approve Policy 611 as proposed. Ms. Wright voted yes. Ms. Garrison voted yes. Motion approved 2-0.

2. Policy 342 - Start College Now: Discussion held. Ms. Jonen will make revisions and bring a revised policy to the next Policy Meeting.

D. Future Business:

1. Policy 341 - Early College Credit Program

E. Future Meetings: March 6, 2013 at 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. (Virtual)

F. Adjournment: Ms. Wright moved to adjourn. Ms. Wright voted yes. Ms. Garrison voted yes. Motion approved 2-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:04 PM.

**342: Technical College Court Program (Start College Now) *NEW* -
WORKING DRAFT 3-6-2023
NUMBERS AND FORMATTING WILL BE UPDATED IN FINAL DRAFT**

342.01 Start College Now Program

The District supports providing quality educational opportunities to ensure District students graduate college, career and community ready. Consistent with state law, high school students in the 11th grade or 12th grade who meet the eligibility requirements defined in applicable statutes, regulations and District policies, and who submit timely and complete applications and notices, may be permitted to enroll in one or more courses at a technical college located in Wisconsin system through the State of Wisconsin Technical College Course ("Start College Now") Program.

342.02 Definitions

342.02.1 Comparable Course. A comparable course means all of the following:

- The high school course is offered or will be offered between the date the student submits a notice to enroll in a course under the Start College Now Program and the date the student is expected to graduate from high school.
- The high school course content, as determined by curriculum guides, expectations, goals, scope and sequence, is 80% equivalent to the content of the postsecondary course as determined by the postsecondary course syllabus, if available, and course description.

342.02.2 Credit means unit of measure given for the successful completion of a course of study.

342.02.3 Good Academic Standing means a cumulative high school grade point average of at least 2.0 (or the equivalent) at the time of the determination and be on track for graduating from high school.

342.02.4 Successful Completion means a student has completed the course with a passing grade.

342.03 Administrative Procedures

The Superintendent or their designee shall establish administrative procedures for the administration of the Start College Now Program.

342.04 Costs

342.04.1 To the extent required by state law, the District shall pay the costs associated with students enrollment in a technical college under this Program if the course is taken for high school credit toward a high school graduation requirement and the course is not comparable to a course offered in the District.

342.04.2 The District shall pay only such tuition, fees and course materials costs as are required by law. If the District is required to pay the technical college for the cost of a book or similar resource that is not a one-time use item, the student may be required to return the resource(s) to the District upon completion of the course.

342.04.3 The District shall pay for no more than the equivalent of a combined total of 18 postsecondary semester credits per student for any courses that are taken through the Start College Now Program or the Early College Credit Program.

342.04.4 The District shall only pay for courses that are successfully completed. If a student receives a failing grade in a course or fails to complete the course, the student's parent/guardian, or the student if over the age of 18, is responsible for reimbursing the District for the tuition, fees and other costs paid by the District, and is ineligible for any further participation in the Start College Now Program and/or the Early College Credit Program.

342.04.5 Unless otherwise required by law, the District is not responsible for providing transportation to technical college courses taken under this policy or paying for transportation-related costs.

342.05 Notice

Information about the Start College Now Program shall be provided to high school students annually by October 1. Start College Now Program information shall also be included in the Oregon High School's Academic and Career Planning Guide and on the District's website.

342.06 Non-Discrimination

The District shall not discriminate in admission to this Program on the basis of any category protected by state or federal law, or Board Policy 157. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with Board Policy 157.

342.07 Appeals

Decisions made under this Policy may be appealed to the Superintendent by submitting a written request in writing within five (5) days of the date of the Superintendent's designee's decision. The Superintendent's decision regarding the comparability of a course or the satisfaction of the high school graduation requirements may be appealed to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (DPI) within 30 days after the date of the Superintendent's decision.

Legal References: Wis. Stat. sec. 38.12(14)

Cross References: Board Policy 341 - Early College Credit Program; Wis. Stat. s. 118.55; Wis. Admin Code PI 40; Board Policy 157

Adopted: _____, 2023

TECHNICAL COLLEGE COURSE PROGRAM ("START COLLEGE NOW") ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

342.08 Student Eligibility To Participate in the Start College Now Program

- 342.08.1 The student must have completed 10th grade by the time the student would be enrolled in the technical college course.
- 342.08.2 The student must submit all required notices, parent/guardian permissions (if under 18) and technical college applications on a timely basis.
- 342.08.3 The student must be accepted for admission in the technical college course. A technical college may deny a high school student admission to the technical college or registration in a specific course for any of the reasons provided in state law, including the technical college's determination that the student has an unacceptable record of disciplinary problems. To the extent consistent with student records laws and the District's student records policies and procedures, the District will certify student disciplinary information that is necessary for completing and processing a student's application to enroll in and take a course at a technical college under the Start College Now Program.
- 342.08.4 A student may attend only two technical college courses per postsecondary semester as part of the Start College Now Program.
- 342.08.5 A student who is participating in the Start College Now Program in any postsecondary semester may not simultaneously participate in the Early College Credit Program.
- 342.08.6 If the costs related to the special services required for the student's participation in the Start College Now Program would impose an undue financial burden on the District, the District may decline a student's participation.
- 342.08.7 Students in home-based private educational programs, residents of the District who are private school students or non-OSD public school students, and nonresident students who are participating in the part-time open enrollment program are not eligible to participate in the Start College Now Program through the District, even if they are taking or have taken individual courses in a District high school.

342.09 Application Process

District students interested in attending individual courses at a technical college under the Start College Now Program must complete all of the following to start the application process:

- 342.09.1 Students must notify the School To Career Coordinator in writing of the student's intention to participate in the Start College Now Program by completing the appropriate form found here: [Start College Now Application](#)
- 342.09.2 A separate notification form must be completed and processed for each postsecondary semester that a student applies to participate in the Start College Now Program.
- 342.09.3 This notification must be received by March 1 for fall postsecondary semester courses and by October 1 for spring postsecondary semester courses. Courses taken during the summer are not eligible for the Start College Now Program.
- 342.09.4 Students must apply to a technical college during the school term prior to enrollment in the technical college. If the student who intends to take a technical college course is a minor, the student's parent/guardian must provide signed permission for the student to participate in the Start College Now Program.
- 342.09.5 As soon as such information is available, the student shall further notify School To Career Coordinator if the student has been:
- Admitted to the technical college to which the student applied;
 - Successfully enrolled in and registered to attend individual courses; and
 - If any of the course information provided on the initial notification has changed.
- 342.09.6 Student and parent/guardian are required to cooperate with the District in providing any information that may be necessary to determine their eligibility for the Start College Now Program and process individual course requests.
- 342.09.6 Upon receiving a student's written notification of intent to participate in the Start College Now Program, the School To Career Coordinator shall process the student's request, including determining the following:
- Whether the student meets the minimum eligibility criteria for participation in the Start College Now Program;
 - Whether the student will be eligible to receive high school credit for the successful completion of the proposed course and, if so, how much high school credit;
 - Whether the proposed course is comparable to a course already offered in the District; and
 - Whether the proposed course and any resulting credit meets any of the District's high school graduation requirements.
- 342.09.7 The District shall notify the student's parent/guardian, or the student if age 18 or older, of the District's determinations regarding approval/credit status of postsecondary coursework and the right to appeal a negative determination made by the District to the Superintendent and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

342.09.8 Provided that none of the course information submitted on the student's initial notice of intent has changed, such notice shall normally be issued by April 15 for initial notices that were received by March 1 for fall courses, and by November 15 for initial notices that were received by October 1 for spring courses.

342.09.9 If the District determines that it is impractical to provide notice of the District's course-related determinations in the regular timeframe identified immediately above, such notice shall, at a minimum, be issued at least 30 days before the beginning of the technical college semester in which the student will be enrolled for the course(s).

342.10 High School Credit Determination

342.10.1 The determination of whether a course satisfies a high school graduation requirement shall be made with reference to District policies that set forth such requirements and by applying the standards and guidelines that the District applies to its own course offerings and to courses that are submitted for a similar assessment by students who are transferring into the District.

342.10.2 The District may deny high school credit for a technical college course if any of the following apply:

- The District offers a comparable course. Although a student may still elect to take a technical college course that the District has determined is comparable to a District course, the District is not responsible for paying any portions of the costs related to such a course.
- The course repeats the course content for which a student has already received a passing grade and high school credit.
- The course repeats the content of a postsecondary course that the student has already taken and failed.

342.10.3 If credit is not denied for any of the reasons identified above, the District will grant high school credit for a technical college course if the course meets any of the District's high school graduation requirements, as identified in District policies, and if any of the following conditions apply:

- The course is complementary to, consistent with or expands on a course of study or sequence of courses offered by District.
- The course expands an opportunity for the student to move to another level of an academic or vocational course of study.
- The course curriculum meets or exceeds the same standards for rigor and content as other courses approved by, but not offered by, the District for credit toward graduation.

- The postsecondary course supports rather than prevents a student from completing high school graduation requirements.

342.10.4 In order for a student to receive high school credit for a course taken at a technical college under the Start College Now Program, the student must complete the course and receive a passing grade, as determined by the technical college.

342.10.5 To the extent required by state regulations, a student shall be granted 1/4 high school credit per 1 semester of conversion-eligible postsecondary credit for a course taken under the Start College Now Program.