Procedure – Language Arts Mastery-Based Credit

Demonstrating Mastery/Proficiency in English Language Arts

The district will manage the assessment process so that students seeking mastery-based credit can demonstrate mastery/proficiency in English Language Arts. Mastery-based credit can be used either for awarding credit in place of a traditional course, or for credit recovery purposes.

Students may recover credit by demonstrating mastery in the following ways:

- The student may recover 1 English Language Arts credit following a failed or incomplete English Language Arts course if the student meets standard on a state assessment in English Language Arts;
- The student may recover 1 English Language Arts credit following a failed or incomplete English Language Arts course if the student meets standard on another approved state alternative that meets the graduation requirement;

Equivalency course of study: Students may receive credit for learning experiences outside of school that align to state learning standards, in accordance with Board Policy 2413 and WAC 392-410-300.

Successful completion of next higher-level course: Credit may be awarded for a course when the student successfully completes the next higher-level course in a sequence that includes a natural progression of the state learning standards from the previous course. State or locally determined learning standards will be used as the guide when making decisions regarding what courses should qualify.

Mastery-based credit is available in the following English Language Arts courses: English 10, English 11, English 12 if the student achieves a C or higher grade in the next-higher level course.

The district collects and annually reviews disaggregated data to see which subgroups of students are receiving mastery-based credit. If disproportionality is found, the district takes appropriate actions to ensure equitable access to these crediting opportunities.

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