

**High School Credit for Students in Grade 7 or 8**

The Superintendent or designee may investigate, coordinate, and implement a program for students in grades 7 and 8 to enroll in courses required for a high school diploma.

If a program is available, students in grades 7 and 8 may enroll in a course required for a high school diploma when the course is offered by the high school that the elementary student would attend and either of the following is satisfied; (1) the student participates in the course at the high school and the elementary student's enrollment in the course would not prevent the enrollment of a high school student in the course, or (2) the student participates in the course where the student attends school as long as the course is taught by a teacher who holds a professional educator license with an endorsement for the grade level and content area of the course.

The Superintendent or designee will coordinate with the cooperation of the elementary school district superintendent or designee a schedule that meets the State law requirements for providing students in grade 7 and 8 the opportunity to enroll in a course required for a high school diploma where they will attend school.

A student who successfully completes a course required for a high school diploma while in grades 7 and 8 shall receive academic credit for the course. That academic credit shall satisfy the requirements of Section 27-22 of The School Code for purposes of receiving a high school diploma unless evidence about the course's rigor and content show that the course did not address the relevant Illinois Learning Standards at the level appropriate for the high school grade during which the course is usually taken. The student's grade in the course shall also be included in the student's grade point average in accordance with the Board Policy.