

High School Credit for Proficiency**Proficiency Credit**

Subject to limitations in this policy and State law, the Superintendent is authorized to establish and approve a program for granting credit for proficiency. In allowable cases in which a student demonstrates proficiency by meeting designated criteria, a student may be eligible to receive credit without being required to take the course. A student who demonstrates competency under this program will receive course credit for the applicable course(s) and be excused from any requirement to take the course as a graduation prerequisite. No letter grade will be given for purpose of the student's cumulative grade point average. The Superintendent or designee shall notify students of the availability of and requirements for receiving proficiency credit.

Proficiency credit will be offered in the following subject areas:

Foreign (or World) Language. A student is eligible to receive one year of foreign language credit if the student has graduated from an accredited elementary school and can demonstrate proficiency according to the District academic criteria, in a language other than English. A student who demonstrates proficiency in American Sign Language is deemed proficient in a foreign language and will receive one year of foreign language credit. A student who studied a foreign language in an ISBE approved ethnic school program is eligible to receive appropriate credit according to the level of proficiency reached. Students requesting proficiency credit may be required to complete one or more proficiency examinations, demonstrate satisfactory academic achievement in the course, and submit evidence of course completion.

Mathematics. A student is eligible to receive one year of mathematics credit if the student has graduated from an accredited elementary school and can demonstrate proficiency according to the District academic criteria, in the area of mathematics study in which the proficiency credit is requested. Students requesting proficiency credit may be required to complete one or more proficiency examinations, demonstrate satisfactory academic achievement in the course, and submit evidence of course completion.

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