

MILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
Milford, DE 19963

POLICY

6306

SENIOR OPTIONS

The Milford High School shall offer a formal program of educational senior options for academic credit. The purpose of the program will be to further the student's education in a career area, to demonstrate and extend career pathway competencies and/or to provide a service to the community. The program will be structured to meet the individual career goals of the student. The intent of the program is to extend the education of the student. Students must apply for acceptance into the program by June 1 of their junior year. The school will provide a guidebook and assistance by the school counselors to complete a formal application to be submitted to the school administrator, who will approve or disapprove all applications, based upon the program criteria and notify students and their parents by July 1. The Milford School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate in employment of in educational programs, services or activities on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, gender (including pregnancy, childbirth and related medical conditions), national origin, citizenship or ancestry, age, disability, marital status, veteran status, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identity, or upon any other categories protected by federal, state or local law. The Director of Human Resources has been designated to handle inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies. 906 Lakeview Avenue, Milford, Delaware 19963, telephone (302) 422-1600.

Criteria for acceptance into the program will include:

- The completion or currently enrolled in all credit requirements for graduation.
- Remain compliant with attendance requirements per board policy 5403.
- Successful completion, or having scheduled for completion in the senior year, the requirements of the student's chosen Career Pathway.
- A grade point average of 2.5 or higher to enroll in college courses.
- All students must be enrolled in senior options programs regardless if academic credit is awarded or not.

Program criteria include:

- The intent of the program is to extend the career education of the student.
- This career-oriented program will be individualized.
- It may or may not be off campus, depending upon the individual circumstances of the senior option and the student's needs.
- All senior option programs must be set up to meet the standards for academic credit if they are during the school day (released time).

Upon approval, the guidance counselor and student will complete a written contract to be signed by the student, parent, school administrator and any involved community agency where the student will study or perform services. Administrative regulations governing the program will be contained in a guidebook that each senior student must follow to apply and shall include the criteria for acceptance and successfully completing the program for academic credit.

Senior options will include:

- **College courses** – Students may be released from one high school class for each college course scheduled.
- **Volunteer service** – The focus of this option is the benefit of others or the community agency. The benefit to the student is the satisfaction of helping others for the sake of doing so. Academic credit will be granted based on acceptable reporting by the student and a minimum of 90 hours per credit. Students may be released from one class for up to 1 credit of volunteer service.
- **Cooperative work experience** – This option is similar to an internship; however, students will be released for a half-day to work, which may be for pay. This is a non-credit earning option for approved students. Students must have completed their three sequenced pathway courses and be released by the co-op approval process.

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