

ALTERNATIVE CREDIT OPTIONS PROCESS, PROCEDURES, AND FORMS

A maximum of eight (8) credits attained through credit options outlined in IMBC-R may be applied to Nashua High School graduation requirements. (See below for exceptions for Nashua Adult and Community School and Special Education and College and University credit.)

Course grades attained through alternative credit options will not be applied to the student's GPA (grade point average).

All costs of courses and means of transportation will be borne by parents, guardians, or students (except in approved special education options).

Requests for alternative credit options must be submitted to the high school principal or designee and receive prior written approval. The requests must be submitted on the Nashua School District's Alternative Credit Option Application or the Online Alternative Credit Application (reference IMBA-R).

The parameters under which college and university credit will be granted are as follows:

College/university credit will be accepted only with prior approval of the high school principal or designee.

One high school credit will be granted for each college course provided that the student shows evidence of successful completion of the course requirements.

The following criteria also apply.

College/university credit will be accepted for courses whether offered at Nashua High Schools or not.

A student enrolled and attending a college/university full time may be a concurrent student of Nashua High School. A student earning college/university credit may use those credits to meet his/her Nashua High School graduation requirements.

The parameters under which credit will be granted through the Nashua Adult and Community School option are as follows:

Adult education credit earned in the Nashua Adult and Community School is available to Nashua High School students subject to the prior approval of the Director of the Nashua Adult and Community School.

One (1) high school credit will be earned for each course provided that the student meets established competency requirements for that course.

The number of high school credits granted toward graduation requirements would be determined by the principal or designee in consultation with the Director of the Nashua Adult and Community School.

The parameters under which other credit options may be granted are as follows:

Students must complete the Online Alternative Credit Options Application (reference IMBA-R) and gain prior written approval of the principal or designee, credits will be granted for high school or AP

courses that have been successfully completed through correspondence programs, distance-learning, and the internet.

Up to one (1) credit will be granted for each course provided that the student shows evidence of successful completion of course requirements.

The number of high school credits granted will be determined by the principal or designee in consultation with the Director of Special Education for successful completion of special education-approved internet or out-of-district courses in day or residential programs.

With prior approval of the principal or designee, up to two (2) credits may be earned for community service projects that will be coordinated, supervised, and evaluated by a Nashua High School faculty member.

With prior approval of the principal or designee, up to two (2) credits may be earned for independent student projects (ELO) that will be coordinated, supervised, and evaluated by a Nashua High School faculty member.

Credit may be applied to high school graduation requirements for high school courses taken in middle school. Middle school acceleration is defined as coursework that exceeds the requirements for seventh or eighth grade and meets the related high school standards. In order to achieve credit for the course, the student must meet high school competencies and course requirements of the related high school course.

Students taking high school courses through online, distance learning or the internet in middle school must complete the Online Alternative Credit Options Application (reference IMBA-R) and receive prior approval by the high school principal or designee in order to receive high school credit for the course.

All alternative credit options will be competency based and directed by the guidelines set forth in policies and procedures. See IMBC, IMBC-R, IHBH, IHBH-R and IMBA.

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