

## POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

This policy establishes the requirements for student enrollment in post-secondary courses taken before high school graduation.

### Eligible Institutions

Students may take courses at eligible post-secondary institutions within Maine, which include the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and Maine Maritime Academy.

Students may take courses offered through the DOE Distance Learning Network or the Internet if such participation is approved by the post-secondary institution.

### Student Eligibility Requirements

A student must meet the following criteria prior to enrolling in a post-secondary course:

- A. Have a minimum of a B average [**or 3.0**] in his/her courses overall, unless the eligible institution has waived the minimum grade/grade point requirement;
- B. Meet the course admission standards of the eligible institution;
- C. Provide evidence of parent/guardian approval for taking the course; and
- D. Receive a recommendation to take a postsecondary course or courses from the school administration or one of the student's secondary school teachers following an assessment of the student by the administration.

A student enrolled in grade 11 or 12 who does not have a B average [**or 3.0**] in his/her courses overall is eligible to take a post-secondary course provided that he/she:

- A. Has been assessed and received a recommendation to take the course from the school administration or from a secondary school teacher; and
- B. Has been approved for participation in the course by an eligible institution.

### Awarding of Credits

The eligible institution shall grant full credit to any student who successfully completes a course.

- A. The course must meet for a minimum of one semester.
- B. The course must meet any applicable Learning Results standards.
- C. The student must earn a C or its equivalent
- D. Attendance must satisfy the instructor's requirements

If the above criteria are met, the student shall receive one credit per semester.

Financial Assistance

- A. The Maine Department of Education shall pay applicable tuition costs (up to the limits of legislative appropriation) for any student enrolled in a course under this policy if the eligible institution requires tuition payment.
- B. The student and his/her parent/guardian are responsible for paying for all textbooks, course fees and transportation costs.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA Section 4771 et seq.  
Chapter 127 (Maine Department of Education Rules)  
20-A MRSA § 4703, 4722

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