

Marion School District 60-3	NEPN Code: IHCD A
Instruction Policies	

CONCURRENT/DUAL ENROLLMENT

The Marion School Board recognizes that, in some circumstances, it is appropriate and desirable for a student(s) to be concurrently enrolled in high school and post-secondary classes. The district believes that high school students need to be continually challenged in order to maintain their academic interests. To provide such challenge, students, parents, counselors, teachers, and administrators need to have the opportunity to explore a number of different options. One of the options is the opportunity to enroll in post-secondary courses while still attending high school. In appropriate circumstances, course credit toward the fulfilment of high school graduation requirements shall be awarded for successful completion of approved courses offered by institutions of higher education. Concurrent enrollment is defined as a course offered within the high school setting for higher education credit. Dual enrollment is defined as higher education courses offered on the college campus or on-line.

Students in eleventh or twelfth grade who are under the age of 21 are eligible to apply for enrollment in courses offered by institutions of higher education. To be eligible for the program, a determination must be made by the student and his or her parents or legal guardian. Each student considering an application for enrollment in post-secondary courses shall meet with the school principal and counselor to discuss whether the student is in need of course work at a higher level than that available at the student's school, the student has shown a high degree of maturity, especially with regard to potential for completing post-secondary course work, or is in need of a different environment. A student must give notice of his or her intent to apply by completing the concurrent enrollment application form available at the high school.

Academic credit granted for post-secondary course work successfully completed by a student and approved for high school credit shall qualify as credit toward high school graduation and as a credit toward a degree or certificate at the institutions of higher education. A one semester post-secondary course will receive 0.5 high school credit. Advance approval must be sought from the school principal for the receipt of high school credit. Such approval shall not be given for courses which do not meet or exceed the district's graduation requirements.

Administrative guidelines have been developed to accompany this policy.

Legal References:

SDCL 13-28-37 (Post-Secondary enrollment)

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