

OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD	Policy Code: IMBC
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### ALTERNATIVE CREDIT OPTIONS

Credit may be earned through alternative methods outside of regular classroom-based instruction offered by the Oyster River Cooperative School district schools. Awarding of credits to be applied toward high school graduation will be determined by the high school principal, and will be granted only if the request fulfills the following:

The request is submitted with a plan to achieve competency that meets or exceeds the rigorous academic standards required by the school for students enrolled in a credit course offered by the school.

- The plan includes clear expectations for performance.
- The plan includes clearly defined methods and expectations for assessment.
- Verification of the plan's merit can be evaluated in a timely fashion and does not cause unnecessary burden of the resources of the administration.

The Board supports nontraditional educational options for all students. Students earning credit via alternative methods will participate in all assessments required by the statewide education improvement and assessment program or nationally or internationally recognized assessment tool.

If a student demonstrates knowledge and abilities on a placement pre-test developed by the school district for a particular course, the student shall not receive credit for the course, but shall be allowed to take a more advanced level of the subject or an elective.

#### Funding

Unless otherwise recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the Board, under ordinary circumstances students or their parents/guardians are responsible for all related expenses including tuition and textbooks. The District may pay the fee for expelled students who are permitted to take courses in alternative settings. If paid by the district and the course is not completed, the student must reimburse the district for the expenses.

#### **Cross Reference:**

IMBD – High School Credit for 7/8 Grade Advanced Coursework

#### **Legal References:**

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.04(a)(13), Alternative Means of Earning Credit*