

POLICY: 603.6

### ALTERNATIVE FOR RECEIVING COURSE CREDIT

An alternative method for a high school student to receive course credit is to request the opportunity to test out of a course. In any high school course, interacting with peers, active participation in classroom discussion activities, and experiencing the diverse thinking of others are critical learning student outcomes, but are not easily measured. They often are as important as the cognitive skills learned that are more easily measured. However, for some students, it may be impossible to schedule the courses to meet their individual educational needs.

Therefore, the Board agrees to grant a maximum of one-half of the credit for a course ordinarily included in the curriculum to students who successfully complete the tests for a course. Students who wish to receive credit by testing, shall need the approval by the Superintendent prior to beginning a course. The test(s) must be successfully completed at an 85% proficiency level. If a student is successful in using this alternative, the student shall choose a course in that curriculum cluster for the additional credit.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Iowa Code, 256.11  
281 Iowa Adm. Code 12.5(19)

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