

Graduation Credit Earned in Middle School Worksheet 3

GROUP: _____

Students can currently earn high school credit in middle school¹, and are most likely to do so in math and world languages. The SBE 2008 Transcript Study indicated that approximately 26.1% of high school graduates earned credit in math prior to 9th grade; 6.3% earned credit in world languages.

Discussion:

1. Currently, not all districts provide students the opportunity to earn high school credit prior to 9th grade. What policies would encourage districts to provide opportunities for students to earn high school credit prior to 9th grade, and how would this practice help students?

Policies needed to encourage districts to provide graduation credit opportunities prior to 9th grade:

Reasons FOR Encouraging More Students to Earn HS Credit Prior to 9 th Grade	Reasons AGAINST Encouraging More Students to Earn HS Credit Prior to 9 th Grade

¹ RCW 28A.230.090: (4) If requested by the student and his or her family, a student who has completed high school courses before attending high school shall be given high school credit which shall be applied to fulfilling high school graduation requirements if:

(a) The course was taken with high school students, if the academic level of the course exceeds the requirements for seventh and eighth grade classes, and the student has successfully passed by completing the same course requirements and examinations as the high school students enrolled in the class; or

(b) The academic level of the course exceeds the requirements for seventh and eighth grade classes and the course would qualify for high school credit, because the course is similar or equivalent to a course offered at a high school in the district as determined by the school district board of directors.

(5) Students who have taken and successfully completed high school courses under the circumstances in subsection (4) of this section shall not be required to take an additional competency examination or perform any other additional assignment to receive credit.

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2. Realistically, what subject areas other than math or world languages might be taught in middle school for high school credit, and what would it take to do that?