

5463 - CREDITS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS

Recognizing its responsibility to uphold the minimum educational standards of the State of Florida, the following shall be the School Board's policy regarding the transfer of credits from other schools.

The Principal shall determine whether or not a transfer student will be required to take the appropriate Statewide, standardized end-of-course (EOC) assessment to earn credit in a course for which an EOC assessment is required. The Principal shall use the criteria established in State Board rule to make such determination.

Acceptance of transfer grades or credits for students in grades 9-12 shall be in accordance with State Board rule and be based in all cases on official transcripts. Transfer grades and/or credits from schools accredited by another state or by one (1) of the five (5) regional accrediting agencies shall be accepted at face value. The Board shall also accept high school grades and credits awarded by the Florida Virtual School, as well as from postsecondary dual enrollment programs.

Credits from out of country or out of state schools, non-accredited schools, a private school, a personalized education program, or a home school education program shall be validated according to the transfer credit procedures outlined in State Board rule.

Transfer students seeking the award of high school credit for participation in a career and technical student organization prior to transferring in to the District must comply with the timelines and process set forth in Policy 2421 - *Career and Technical Education*.

Students who enter a District high school at the 11th or 12th grade from out-of-state or out-of-country shall not be required to spend additional time in a Florida public school in order to meet the high school course requirements if the student has met all requirements of the school district, state, or country from which s/he is transferring. Such students who are not proficient in English should receive immediate and intensive instruction in English language acquisition. However, to receive a standard high school diploma, a transfer student must earn a 2.0 grade point average and pass the required assessments under F.S. 1008.22.