



Credit Options

Introduction

District policy 4.20.42-P Diploma Requirements establishes the credit requirements for a diploma. Portland Public Schools high schools offers students the option to earn credit for a diploma or a modified diploma by successfully completing classroom and/or equivalent work.

I. Definitions

- A. **Credit:** a recognition or certification that a student has successfully completed a course of study.
- B. **Goals and Standards:** skills and knowledge indicators that a student must successfully demonstrate as requirements of the course. They may be defined by state, national, or industry standards.
- C. **Proficiency:** a student's level of competence in demonstrating the learned skills and knowledge.

II. Options to Earn Credit

Schools shall offer students the option of earning credit in one of the following ways:

- A. Students can earn required or elective credit by successfully completing classroom or equivalent work (e.g., supervised independent study, career-related learning experiences, project based learning) in a course of at least 130 clock hours in accordance with OAR 581-022-0102. The classroom or equivalent work must meet Common Curriculum Goals and academic content standards required by OAR 581-022-1210.
- B. A school may grant credit to a student when the student demonstrates defined levels of proficiency or mastery of recognized standards (e.g., state academic content standards and essential skills, industry-based or other national or international standards) by any one or more of the following options:
 - 1. Successfully completes classroom or equivalent work designed to measure proficiency of identified standards (knowledge and skills) in class or out of class;
 - 2. Successfully passes an appropriate exam designed to measure proficiency of identified standards;
 - 3. Provides a collection of work or other assessment evidence which demonstrates proficiency of identified standards;

