

Dear Parents / Guardians:

You are receiving this letter because your child is taking a high school credit bearing course in middle school. In accordance with Policy 8020: *"Any high school course listed in the Middle School Course Catalog which is offered at the middle school is eligible for high school credit and will be treated as an equivalent."*

- The student's course grade will be recorded on the high school transcript.
- The student's grade will not be calculated into the high school grade point average.
- If a student re-takes one of the high-school courses that was taken in middle school for which credit was earned:
  - The high school grade(s) will be calculated into the GPA, and
  - Only the first credit will be awarded.
- For students enrolled in a 1.0 credit or more course to earn credit, a student must earn at least a 0.75 year-end average and either (a) pass one marking period each semester or (b) pass both marking periods in the second semester.

\*For additional information please review

Policy 8020 (<https://policy.hcpss.org/8000/8020/>)

Please note that any middle school student enrolled in a high school level course who withdraws after the published withdrawal date of **September 30, 2024** will receive a "W" on their high school transcript. A W (Withdrawal) code will be used to indicate that a student withdrew from a course more than 24 days from the start of the course, and did not transfer into another level of the same course. Courses with W codes will not receive credit.

Courses\* this policy applies to include:

- *ESOL - English Language Development 1 & 2*
- *Mathematics - Algebra I, Algebra I G/T, Geometry G/T, Algebra I/Geometry G/T, Geometry/Algebra II G/T, Algebra II G/T, and Statistics - AP*
- *Computer Science, Engineering, and Technology Education - Exploring Computer Science & Foundations of Technology*
- *World Language - Spanish I & II, French I & II, and Chinese I & II*

\* For more information on Middle School Courses, please visit the 2024-25 Middle School Course Catalog (<https://www.hcpss.org/f/academics/ms-catalog-2024-25.pdf>)

Please do not hesitate to call your school counselor should you need assistance.

Sincerely,



Richard Smart

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