EQUIVALENCE CREDIT FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION COURSES

Academic course equivalencies for high school career and technical education courses and career and technical education course equivalencies for academic or elective courses shall be established. Provided that the career and technical education course or academic or elective course has been reviewed and approved for equivalency credit by a district committee appointed by the superintendent or a designee.

The district committee shall include the respective high school administrator, the career and technical education administrator, a department chair or designee from the academic subject area, an instructor from the appropriate career and technical course, and a school counselor.

Career and technical courses approved for equivalency must meet the following criteria:

1. Align with the state’s essential academic learning requirements and grade level expectations; and
2. Align with current industry standards, as evidenced in the curriculum frameworks. The local career and technical advisory committee shall certify that courses meet industry standards.

The board will approve Advanced Placement (AP) computer science courses as equivalent to high school mathematics or science. Board approval of AP computer science as equivalent to high school mathematics requires that the student has successfully completed or is concurrently enrolled in Algebra II. The superintendent will adopt procedures to denote on the student’s transcript that AP computer science qualifies as a math-based quantitative course for students who complete it in their senior year.

Cross References: Policy 2170 Career and Technical Education Policy 2410 High School Graduation Requirements

Legal References: RCW 28A.230.097 Career and technical high school course equivalencies RCW 28A.230.120 High School Diplomas – Issuance– Option to receive final transcripts – Notice. WAC 392-410 Courses of Study and Equivalencies WAC 180-51 High School Graduation Requirements

Management Resources: Policy and Legal News, September 2013 Legislature requires boards to approve AP computer science courses as equivalent to high school math or science Policy News, August 2006 Legislature Codifies Course Equivalency for Career and Technical Courses

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