

TESTING OUT POLICY

Guidelines and regulations shall be developed which identify the process that a student enrolled in Hardy County Schools must follow in order to receive credit for courses based on demonstrated mastery of the instructional goals by testing out of the class. The intent of this policy is to give students time to pursue higher-level studies if they have already mastered prerequisite knowledge and skills. These shall include the following:

- 1) The option to demonstrate mastery through a test that is available only for high school credit.
- 2) Criteria shall be established to determine if a student is qualified to take a particular test. Criteria shall include, but not be limited to, the student's past performance in courses in that particular discipline, standardized achievement scores, teacher recommendations, and future plan of studies.
- 3) Teachers who are appropriately credentialed in that particular discipline shall develop and score each test.
- 4) Students may test out by meeting mastery with a score of 90% (A) or higher criteria and will be awarded the grade of "A" for the corresponding course credit.
- 5) The test shall reflect all of the state and local instructional goals and objectives for the credit to be awarded.
- 6) The test shall include sufficient scope to cover the expectations of the entire course through a variety of types of questions, a range of levels of questions, and performance-based methods appropriate to the discipline.
- 7) A testing window shall be established as part of the test management system.
- 8) Procedures for handling, scoring, and storing of tests shall be conducted in a manner consistent with procedures outlined in the West Virginia Testing Code of Ethics/Security Agreement.

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