

Social Studies Mastery-Based Learning and Credit Procedure 2405P

Demonstrating Mastery/Proficiency in Social Studies

The district will manage the assessment process so that students seeking mastery-based credit can demonstrate mastery/proficiency in social studies skills. Mastery-based credit can be used either for awarding credit in place of a traditional course, or for credit recovery purposes.

1. The student may recover up to 1 social studies credit following a failed or incomplete social studies course if the student meets standard on an end-of-course exam for a social studies course; or
2. The student may recover up to 1 credit social studies credit if the student meets standard on another approved state alternative that meets the graduation requirement.

General Education Development Test

The State Board of Education in consultation with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction determines what constitutes a passing score for a General Education Development (GED) test. Any student may obtain 1 social studies credit for achieving a passing score on a GED test in social studies. Additionally, any student may obtain up to 1 credit for successfully completing a course or courses in preparation for taking a GED test.

For students in or from institutional education facilities, the district will award at least one 1 social studies credit for achieving a passing score on the social studies section of a GED test. The district will also award students in or from institutional education facilities additional credit for successfully completing a course or courses in preparation for taking a GED test.

Students may obtain up to 1 Social Studies credit for passing a district-created assessment that is aligned to state learning standards. Students do not need to have attempted and failed a course before being eligible for these options:

1. Locally created written or oral test;
2. A written report on the student;
3. Student-designed portfolio of work;
4. Student presentation or oral defense of their learning in the course;
5. Hands-on demonstration of knowledge and skills; or
6. A combination of assessment approaches, as defined by the district.

Other Assessments

Students may obtain up to 1 social studies credit for passing an Odysseyware end of course assessment that is aligned to state learning standards. Students do not need to have attempted and failed a course before being eligible for this option.

Equivalency course of study: Students may receive credit for learning experiences outside of school that align to state learning standards, in accordance with Board Policy 2413 – Equivalency Credit Opportunities and WAC 392-410-300.

Successful completion of next higher-level course: Credit may be awarded for a course when the student successfully completes the next higher-level course in a sequence that includes a natural progression of

the state learning standards from the previous course that is not a dual credit or AP course. State or locally determined learning standards will be used as the guide when making decisions regarding what courses should qualify.

Mastery-based credit is available in the following social studies courses: World History A or U.S. History A if the student achieves a C or higher grade in the next-higher level course.

The district collects and annually reviews disaggregated data to see which sub groups of students are receiving mastery-based credit. If disproportionality is found, the district takes appropriate actions to ensure equitable access to these crediting opportunities.

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