TRANSFER OF HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS

Transfer Credits are defined as any credit not earned at a Rio Rancho high school.

I. High School Credit for Classes taken in Middle School
   A. Classes may be offered at the middle school level for high school credit when the class meets the high school curricular standards with respect to:
      a. time spent on instruction
      b. content
      c. successful completion of all course requirements including final exams

II. Transfer Credits from Nationally Accredited Public or Private High Schools
   A. Transfer credits will be considered on an individual basis and will be based on the recommendation and approval of the high school principal where the transferring student enrolls.
   B. Approval will be based upon course work meeting the District’s high school curricular standards including, but not limited to,
      a. length of enrollment in previous school setting(s)
      b. course content that meets or exceeds New Mexico State Standards and Benchmarks or the CCSS (Common Core State Standards)
      c. successful completion of course requirements including receipt of at least a passing grade.

III. Acceptance of Transfer Credits from Nationally Accredited Correspondence Classes or Distance Learning for Currently Enrolled Students
   A. Credit may be denied if the credit awarding institution and the course are not pre approved by the student’s counselor.
   B. Approval will be based upon the same criteria as other transfer credits.
   C. Physical Education, Science lab courses or performing arts courses will not be accepted for transfer credit from correspondence or distance learning programs.

IV. Transfer Credits from International Schools
   A. The family or guardian enrolling the student is responsible for providing an official transcript in English from any non U.S. diploma awarding school
   B. Letter grades will not be assigned to course work; rather a mark of credit or no credit will be applied.
   C. Transcripts from DOD (Department of Defense) schools located outside of the United States will be evaluated in the same manner as nationally accredited public schools within the U.S.
   D. Due to standardization of the curriculum, international schools offering IB (International Baccalaureate) classes will be evaluated in the same manner as nationally accredited public schools within the U.S.

V. Credit Recovery Credits – student has failed a core credit course of ½ credit or more
   A. Students must receive pre-approval from counselor before enrolling.
   B. If the school is not on the District approved list, the family or guardian must provide evidence of the school being a diploma awarding and transcript providing school in order to be accepted.
VI. Travel Abroad Credit
   A. Elective credit may be accepted if a nationally accredited school produces a high school
      transcript awarding credit. The grade will be posted as Credit/No Credit and will not
      impact a student GPA (grade point average).

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