

GRAND ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

7418 ADVANCED COURSEWORK AND CERTIFICATIONS

The Grand Island Public Schools authorizes the provision of special courses and programs for high school students. These opportunities may include courses for college credit, advanced college placement programs, specialized college, and/or academy designed programs for high school students.

Students may enroll simultaneously with an institution of higher education (IHE). The student must meet the prerequisite requirements as established by the IHE and must provide written approval for enrollment from the IHE. Students must also enroll in the necessary classes established by the Grand Island Public Schools to complete graduation requirements. Post-secondary credit may be used as credit toward graduation as approved by administration and counselors. Approved courses will be included on the student's high school transcript.

College-level coursework for high school students is defined as an advanced curriculum that provides students with postsecondary learning experiences while they are still in high school, allowing students to earn college credit. Dual enrollment is a strategy to encourage students to take more rigorous coursework, including academic and technical courses at the college level, and earn college credit while enrolled in the high school course. *Caveat: IHE determines acceptance of Credit; and Certifications are accepted at the discretion of the employer.* Students are responsible for tuition and specialized IHE resources. Applications and assistance with scholarships and other funding opportunities are made available to all students.

The GIPS will pay for IHE credit for students taking an IHE course with an IHE instructor (*Example: CCC Certified Nursing or CCC Welding*).

The District will be responsible for tuition, resources, and fees for credits necessary to meet high school graduation requirements only when the required courses are not available in the Grand Island Public Schools (*Example: higher level Math for a student in the Gifted and Talented Program*).

Students also have the opportunity to enroll in Advanced Placement (AP) courses for which students can receive college credit if they earn qualifying scores on an end-of-course exam. The GIPS funds the AP Exams.

Industry Certifications may be available within a pathway program. The pathway program of study identifies required certifications that are funded by the GIPS, such as OSHA, NIMS, ASE, and NCCER. Additional certifications may be available and are not required for completion of the pathway. Fees for these additional certifications will be the responsibility of the student if the student chooses to pursue additional certifications.

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