Schools of the District shall accept as transfer credit coursework successfully completed at a school accredited by the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges, the Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools, the Independent Schools Association of the Central States, or recognized state or regional accrediting agency of comparable standards, or coursework successfully completed at an accredited post-secondary institution.

In core academic disciplines, particularly disciplines like mathematics which are sequential in nature, the school administration may make use of transcripts, grades, previous teacher recommendations, textbook used, course descriptions, standardized tests, and/or a placement or proficiency test to recommend or determine course placement for a transferring student.

No credit will be granted for work done at another institution that the student substantially repeats by taking an equivalent class within the District.

Transfer from Home Schooling or Other Institutions

Decisions regarding acceptance of credit or grade level placement of students transferring from a home school or a school not meeting the standards of the major regional accrediting agencies listed above shall be made by school officials based on appropriate testing and/or review of home school work and curricula. Additionally, school officials shall consult with the parent(s)/guardian(s), as well as interview the student, prior to making a decision.

In core academic disciplines, transfer of credit from a home school or institution, which is not accredited or accredited by an agency not meeting the above standards, may be contingent on the student demonstrating proficiency in the material through successful completion of a comprehensive final exam and/or other culminating exercise. Successful completion of a higher-level course in a sequential discipline may also be used to establish proficiency.

Transfer of credit in a non-core area may be accorded when the course is in line with the program of study in the District and is consistent with the content and expectations of similar District courses.

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The student's subsequent grade placement and the decision to deny credits may be appealed to the Board by the student or his/her parent(s)/guardian(s).

The Superintendent shall establish rules and guidelines for the application of this policy in conjunction with building administrators and academic departments.

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