

## ACCELERATION

The curriculum and schedule of elementary, middle and high schools provides flexibility in placing certain students in programs or subjects normally considered above their grade level. Scheduling eighth grade students into subjects above the normal grade level is done with counseling based on evidence of ability, past scholastic achievement and cooperation of the individual student and his parents or guardian.

When students below the ninth grade successfully complete courses offered for credit in grades 9 through 12, credit is counted toward meeting the standard units required for graduation for students who enroll in high school as freshmen before July 1, 2018, as sophomores before July 1, 2019, as juniors before July 1, 2020 or as seniors before July 1, 2021 provided the courses are equivalent in content and academic rigor as those courses offered at the secondary level. To earn a verified unit of credit for these courses, students below ninth grade level must meet the same requirements applicable to other students.

In any high school credit-bearing course taken in middle school, a parent may request that the grade be omitted from the student's transcript and the student not earn high school credit for the course. Such request shall be made in the format and by the deadline set forth in regulations developed by the superintendent.

Adopted: August 8, 2016

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Legal Refs.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 22.1-78.

8 VAC 20-131-50.

8 VAC 20-131-90.

Cross Ref.: IGBB                      Programs for Gifted Students  
 JO                                 Student Records

## INSTRUCTION

Credit-bearing Course Opportunities in Middle Schools

According to the Standards of Accreditation, 8 VAC 20-131-90, Item C, in any high school credit-bearing course taken in middle school, parents may request that grades be omitted from the student's transcript and the student not earn high school credit for the course. Notice of this provision must be provided to parents with a deadline and format for making such a request.

Parents will be notified in writing by the middle school principal that they have this option. Parents will be requested to complete and return a form to the middle school principal indicating the request that the middle school course will not count as a high school credit. Written notification from the parent and student must be returned for the credit-bearing middle school course to be omitted from the student transcript. No written notification is required if parent and student decide to count the credit-bearing course for high school credit. The student will repeat the course in the ninth grade if the course is a graduation requirement. This form must be returned to the middle school principal no later than June 30.

Once the request has been received and the grade(s) omitted from the transcript, the decision cannot be rescinded.

Approved: June 9, 1998

Approved by School Board: June 9, 2003

TAZEWELL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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**REQUEST FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL CREDIT-BEARING COURSES TO BE OMITTED FROM STUDENT TRANSCRIPT**

SOA 8 VAC 20-131-90 (Section C)

Instructional Program in Middle Schools

**C. Credit-bearing Course Opportunities. Level one of a foreign language shall be available to all eighth grade students. In any high school credit-bearing course taken in middle school, parents may request that grades be omitted from the student's transcript and the student not earn high school credit for the course. Notice of this provision must be provided to parents with a deadline and format for making such a request. Nothing in these regulations shall be construed to prevent a middle school from offering any appropriate credit-bearing course for graduation.**

I understand that my child and I have the option of requesting that the grade received for high school credit taken at the middle school level may be omitted from my child's transcript and will not be calculated as part of the high school Grade Point Average (GPA).

I have discussed this with my child and we have mutually decided that the grade received for \_\_\_\_\_ class will be omitted from the transcript and my child will enroll in the class again in high school. We also understand that this decision cannot be rescinded and this form must be returned to the middle school principal no later than June 30. We fully understand that if this class is a requirement for graduation, the student will repeat the class at the high school level.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent Signature

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Print Parent Name

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Student Signature

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Print Student Name