

Van Buren County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in November	Descriptor Term: <h2 style="margin: 0;">Dual Credit Option/Enrollment in College Level Courses</h2>	Descriptor Code: 4.203 Rescinds: 4.203/4.205	Issued Date: 09/21/06 Issued: 06/17/99
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1 In keeping with the State Board of Education's endorsement of the Early Admission Program,¹ an
 2 academically gifted 12th grade (senior) student may earn high school and college credit (dual credit)
 3 by enrolling and successfully completing college level courses at an institution of higher education.²
 4 Parents and students may choose from the following options:

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 6 Option 1: Any senior with a composite score of 21-26 on the American College Admission Test (ACT),
 7 with the principal's permission and has been accepted in an early admission program by an accredited
 8 institution of higher learning may take 50% of the coursework needed to meet high school graduation
 9 requirements for Van Buren County High School (VBCHS) at a college or university of her/his choice.

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 11 Option 2: Any senior with a composite score of 27 or above on the ACT, with the principal's permission
 12 and has been accepted in an early admission program by an accredited institution of higher learning
 13 may elect to take all courses needed to meet graduation requirements for VBCHS at a college or
 14 university of her/his choice. The student will earn a year's credit in a college or university at the same
 15 time she/he earns credit for her/his senior year in high school.

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 17 There is great difficulty calculating a true numeric value of the alpha grade received in a college course
 18 for high school purposes. Therefore, a student choosing Option 2 will not be class ranked except for
 19 additional educational assistance purposes (grants, scholarships).

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 21 Seniors wishing to be academically ranked in the VBCHS graduating class must complete at least
 22 50% of the required senior-year coursework at VBCHS. Alpha grades earned in courses at a college
 23 or university will be converted to numerical grades by using the following scale:

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 25 A 97
 26 B 89
 27 C 80
 28 D 72
 29 F 69-below
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31 The student choosing either option and successfully completes all requirements will be allowed to
 32 participate in graduation exercises if she/he so chooses. If the student participated in Project Gradua-
 33 tion fund raising activities, she/he may attend this activity. The student cannot attend Project Gradu-
 34 ation as a guest of another student.

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 36 The Board shall not be responsible for transportation to and from the college or university or for
 37 payment of tuition, books or fees.

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 40 Legal Reference:
 41 1. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.06(4)
 2. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.06(4)(b)