



Wyomissing Area School District Curriculum Committee Meeting

January 10, 2022

AGENDA

- Reduction of WASD Graduation Credits
- Dual Enrollment Opportunities

Vision for Project: WASD Graduation Credit Requirements

- To develop opportunities for students to navigate through high school in ways that align to their needs, interests and help them to better prepare for their future
- To provide students with opportunities to participate in authentic experiences, gain career exploration and experience and customize an education that prepares them for career

Reduction of Graduation Credit Requirements – The Why

- Provides increased flexibility in students' schedules to allow for additional internship opportunities, Open Campus options, research/authentic learning options
- Build on current partnerships with BCTC and Morgan Corporation
 - New Diversified Occupations Program
- Provides opportunities for WASD teachers to expand student-desired elective courses. Potential ideas:
 - PE – Mindfulness and Yoga Practices (to meet increased mental health needs)
 - Art/Multi-Media – Portfolio Production

Process of Project- How We Got Here

- 2020 – 2021 – Discussions related to Dual Enrollment with local universities
- Summer/Fall 2021 – WASD District Administration and High School Administration Brainstorming Discussions
- October 2021 – Met with local school district who has recently undergone similar process
- October 2021 – WASD Administrative Planning
- November 2021 – Presentation during WASD Curriculum Committee meeting
- December 2021 – Meeting with JSHS Department Chairs to discuss Credit Reduction options and Dual Enrollment opportunities

Comparison of Graduation Credits Requirements

Content Areas	State Credit Requirement	Current WASD Credit Requirement	Administrative Recommendation WASD Credit Requirement
English	4	4	4
Math	3	3	3
Social Studies	3	4	3
Science	3	3	3
Arts/Humanities	2	*Included in Electives	2
H/PE	1	2.25	1.25
Electives	5	9.5	6
FCS/Financial Literacy		.25	.25
Computer Tech.		.50	.50
TOTAL	21	26.5	23

Sample Student Schedules – Grade 11

Traditional Schedule	BCTC Schedule	Internship/Albright DE
AP Psychology	BCTC Protective	Internship or DE
Personal Fitness	Services	Internship or DE
Honors Chemistry	Homeland	Internship or DE
Acad Pre-Calculus	Security	Academic English 11
AP US Govt. and Politics	Geometry	PE/Study Hall
Honors English 11	Lunch	Pre-Calculus
Lunch	Acad. Chemistry	Lunch
Study Hall	Acad. English	Academic US Govt. and Politics
Latin Level IV	Acad. US Govt. and Politics	Spanish Level V Honors

Increased Partnerships with Local Industry, Universities and School Districts

- Focus on continued collaboration with local schools to increase the variety of academic opportunities for students
 - JROTC
 - Mandarin Chinese
 - BCTC Diversified Occupations Program
- On-Campus Academic Offerings at Local Colleges
 - Dual Enrollment through Albright College's SRI Program
 - Early Admissions Program through RACC

Local Partnerships – The Why

- Dual Enrollment courses provide students the ability to earn college credit and experience college learning while still enrolled in high school
- Currently, at least 7% of our graduates are beginning their post-secondary education at RACC
 - Affordable
 - Flexibility to work while attending courses
 - Partnerships with local state universities for transfer credits

Early Admissions Program - RACC

- Early Admission is for high school students who are academically ready for college and want to take college courses on campus or online.
- Provides opportunities for students to acclimate to the college setting while still in high school
- Provides students support in the transition to post-secondary education
- Technically open to any high school student who demonstrates college readiness (ACT, SAT)
 - Second-semester senior must meet GPA requirement of 2.8

RACC Early Admissions Program

- Courses may be taken in-person, online (asynchronous) or remote (synchronous)
- Students may enroll in a variety of types of courses:
 - Courses needed for high school graduation (ex. English)
 - General Education courses that are widely transferable
 - Courses in area of interest that are within an Associate's Degree program
- Tuition is \$197/credit + fees
- Maximum of 2 courses/semester

SRI – Albright College

- Highly motivated high school juniors and seniors may apply to earn college credit at Albright College, while still enrolled in high school.
- Courses count towards an Albright bachelor's degree or can be transferred to other colleges or universities.
- Dual Enrollment courses – covering a variety of topics – each fall, spring and summer session.
- Enrolled students spend part of each week day morning taking part in classes on Albright's college campus, and earning college credit.

SRI – Albright College

- Each Dual Enrollment course costs \$500 and offers one unit per semester (the equivalent of 3.5 credits at most institutions).
- Students completing five courses (5 units/17.5 credits) over their junior and senior years of high school will have the equivalent of a full semester complete before beginning college.
- SRI Dual Enrollment credits:
 - *One Dual Enrollment course (1 unit)
(100-level college course)
 - *SPI 101 – Introductory Research course (.25 unit)
= 1.25 total units per semester (the equivalent of 5 credits at most institutions)

Timeline of Next Steps

January 10, 2022 – Presentation at Board Committee Meeting

January 24, 2022 – Possible Board approval

Share and review changes with students, staff and parents

February 2022 – Begin course registration process for HS students

Spring 2022 – use student selections to create student/staff schedules

August 2022 – New graduation requirements are in place

Discussion