

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
SERIES 600**

605.6

TITLE: ALTERNATIVE CREDIT

It is the intent of the Wilder School District to provide high quality yet flexible system of granting academic credit.

In a small school district such as ours, it is difficult to offer all the courses and credits a student needs to graduate in every semester of the high school years. Therefore, an alternative way of achieving needed academic credits is often necessary.

The District will permit a student to enroll in an approved alternative credit course from an institution approved by the State Department of Education, in order that such a student may include a greater variety of learning experiences within the student's educational program.

Only courses offered by institutions recognized by the Board of Trustees will be accepted. The approval of the principal and counselor shall be obtained before the course is taken. A student may acquire alternative credits from any of the following sources: concurrent enrollment for college credit, P.A.S.S. Program, correspondence courses (both online and by mail), alternative school, summer school or challenges to a course.

The following guidelines regarding alternative credit shall be the policy of this district:

1. Alternative credit may not be taken in lieu of a regularly scheduled course when it is available to the student without permission of the principal and counselor.
2. Alternative credit may not be taken in place of Wilder Core classes except in the case of credit recovery.
3. Permission to take alternative credit courses must be given by the principal and the counselor. The program must fit the educational plan submitted by the regularly enrolled student;
4. Procedures and requirements for taking alternative credit classes will be published in student and faculty handbooks.
5. All courses for alternative credit must be enrolled by the second semester and completed by May 15 in order to qualify a student for commencement exercises that year.
6. Alternative credit courses taken for first semester credit must be completed by the end of the semester Credits will be awarded and recorded on transcripts for the semester in which coursework is successfully completed.
7. With the exception of courses that are unavailable to the student because of schedule conflicts, all or partial cost of alternative courses, including textbook and material costs

must be borne by the parents/guardians of the students or the students themselves. The principal and counselor may waive this requirement in case of hardship.

8. Students enrolling in alternative credit courses will be allowed to continue so long as they remain in good standing with respect to discipline, attendance and academic performance.
9. Students who enroll and then fail to complete or drop an alternative credit class will be required to pay any and all fees associated with the course.
10. An official record of the final grade must be received by the school before a diploma may be issued to the student.

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High School Graduation Requirements
Dual Enrollment

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