

HIGH SCHOOL COURSES IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

WHAT ELSE IS NEW FOR 2007-2008?

- The county's course code dictionary no longer has middle school course numbers that crosswalk to high school courses. High school courses taken in middle school have the specific high school course numbers that include a special 8th digit and a "9" flag.
- Students who take high school courses in middle school will be receiving a grade rather than "P".
- Grades for high school credit earned in MS will be calculated into the high school GPA for graduation.
- Students who withdraw after the first semester of a high school course because of low performance expectations will receive .5 high school credit and grade earned. Students may have the grade forgiven (see next bullet) upon successful completion of the same or a comparable course in a subsequent year.
- Students who receive a "C" or a "D" or an "F" in a high school course while in middle school may have the course grade "forgiven" by retaking the course in a subsequent year.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?

- Ensure that students and parents are aware of the new rules regarding high school courses in middle school per the 2006 legislative session.
- Ensure that teachers of high school courses are certified to teach high school courses.
- Ensure that teachers know they will be giving a first quarter, second quarter, and exam grade for first semester and a separate third quarter, fourth quarter and exam grade for second semester in every high school course they teach.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T?

- Students (and their parents) will be at an unfair advantage if they are not aware of the new rules.
- Teachers may be out-of-field and your school out-of-compliance with NCLB.
- Students may be graded improperly, resulting in errors that will need manual correction by school staff.

WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?

- Principals, guidance staff, teachers, parents and students.

HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?

- Monitor student performance and carefully review teacher grade assignments.

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