

**High School Credit for 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Coursework**

Students in 7th or 8th grade may take advanced courses and apply the credit of those courses toward high school graduation, provided the course demonstrates content requirements consistent with related high school courses and the student achieves satisfactory standards of performance. School Board policies relative to assessment, mastery and competency shall apply.

Upon enrollment in the class, parents need to opt out of the course being taken for credit by their student. The high school principal shall approve such course work and credit prior to the student enrolling in the class in order for such credit to be applied toward high school graduation. Completion of the course, grades and credits earned shall be noted on the transcript, but shall not be calculated in the student's GPA.

Portsmouth High School shall maintain a list of approved courses available to 7th and 8th grade students to take for credit.

***Legal References:***

*Ed 306.26(f), Granting High School Credit for 7th/8th Grade Coursework (until July 1, 2017)*

*Ed 306.261(e), Granting High School Credit for 7th/8th Grade Coursework (after July 1, 2017)*

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