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SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNICATION

Title:	Administrative Regulations Revision - REVISED		
Date:	March 22, 2013	Item Number:	11a.(8)
Administrator:	Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent  Sean Dusek, Assistant Superintendent 		
Attachments:	AR 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements		

Action Needed **For Discussion** **Information** **Other:** _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The attached administrative regulation was reviewed by the Board Policy Committee and at a Board worksession on March 4, 2013. It are now presented for approval:

AR 6146 High School Graduation Requirements

- We recommend that middle school students who pass Algebra I, even if taken at the middle school, with a C or better, receive high school credit, that the grade be placed on their transcript, and that it count towards their grade point average.
- This recommendation comes upon learning that a course counted toward the Alaska Performance Scholarship and the NCAA Clearinghouse must have a grade assigned to them to qualify.
- Additionally, at the recommendation of the Policy Committee, *E 6146.1 Approval to Take High School Level Algebra at the Middle School* is a new exhibit designed specifically to advise both parents and students of the implications of taking an Advanced Placement course. This exhibit is attached in your information packet.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The administration recommends approval.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility to Graduate

- A. In order for a new student entering the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District to receive a Kenai Peninsula Borough School District diploma, he/she must be enrolled as a full-time student by the beginning of the second semester of the senior year and fulfill all requirements of the District. To be considered full time, a student is required to enroll for a minimum of 2.0 credits per semester (e.g., four courses at .5 credit each, or two courses at 1.0 each).
- B. Students enrolling in a District school during the second semester of their senior year must enroll in the District for a minimum of 2.0 credits (e.g., 4 courses at .5 credit each or 2 courses at 1.0 credit each for the semester).

For new students transferring to the District as seniors in their second semester who do not plan to receive a Kenai Peninsula Borough School District diploma, the following process is allowed. Upon request of the parent, student and former school district, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District school will send the previous school progress reports so a diploma may be granted by the previous school or previous school district. The student may participate in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District graduation ceremony provided they are receiving a diploma from their previous school or district.

- C. In order to receive a Kenai Peninsula Borough School District diploma, students who leave the District must either fulfill graduation requirements before they leave or have completed an approved plan for meeting the requirements prior to the graduation date. This plan must be approved by the principal of the school granting the diploma, and by the District Superintendent.
- D. Deviation from these requirements may be approved by the Superintendent of schools as recommended by the building principal.

Credit for Home School, Private School or Correspondence Courses

- A. Credits received from schools accredited through state departments of education or national regional accreditation associations will be accepted by the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (continued)

AR 6146.1(b)

- B. Credits claimed from nonaccredited schools will be subject to approval by the District instructional team:
1. Students must provide evidence of work completed for the course for which credit is requested.
 2. Students must demonstrate competency in the language arts, mathematics, science and social studies course for which credit is requested; such competency should be equivalent to that of other Kenai Peninsula Borough School District students who have received credits for a similar or like KPBSD course.
 3. In order to receive credit outside the core areas, the student must provide evidence of work completed and an assessment of work completed which will be evaluated by the District instructional team.

Eighth Grade Credits High School Credits at the Middle School Level

~~No credits are recognized for graduation for courses taken during the eighth grade at the middle school. In certain cases, courses taken by middle school students may be recognized for high school credit towards graduation requirements. Students may, however, receive high school credit for high school work if they take high school courses at the high school with high school students. Additionally, middle school students may receive high school credit for Algebra I upon successful completion (with a grade of C or better), even if taken at the middle school. Credit awarded for successfully completing algebra at the middle school will appear on the student's transcript with the grade of "Pass," but no points will accrue to the grade point average. The words "Credit Earned" will follow the course title.~~

Weighted Grades

~~Beginning in the 2004-2005 school year, a~~Additional quality points will be assigned for College Board Advanced Placement (AP) courses for the purpose of calculating grade point average (GPA). For each passing semester grade in an Advanced Placement course, 0.021 will be added to the student's cumulative GPA. In order to receive a weighted grade, students must also complete the National Advanced Placement course examination.

Credit Limitations

No more than one (1.0) credit of classroom aide experience during the high school career can qualify toward graduation.

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