

Hamilton County Board of Education

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General

Students in grades seven through twelve (7-12) may enroll in available advanced courses including, but not limited to, advanced English language arts, mathematics, or science courses.¹

Guidance for placement should not be considered as limitations to enrollment in advanced courses, academic programs, or career-technical pathways. Students are encouraged to challenge themselves academically and avail themselves of the most rigorous curricular offerings that are available.

In instances where multiple advanced course options exist, students will be encouraged to enroll in the one most aligned to their postsecondary aspirations.

Students meeting the following academic indicators will be automatically eligible for enrollment in these courses:

1. Honors Courses: a grade of B or higher and/or TCAP scores of on-track or mastery in the preceding academic course
2. Dual Credit Courses: a grade of C or higher and/or TCAP scores of on-track or mastery in the preceding academic course
3. Industry Certification-Aligned Courses: a grade of C or higher
4. Dual Enrollment: a grade of C or higher and/or TCAP scores of on-track or mastery in the preceding academic course
5. Advanced Placement: a grade of B or higher and/or TCAP scores of on-track or mastery in the preceding academic course
6. College Level Exam Program: a grade of C or higher and/or TCAP scores of on-track or mastery in the preceding academic course
7. International Baccalaureate/Cambridge: a grade of B or higher and/or TCAP scores of on-track or mastery in the preceding academic course

The district shall have the authority to consider additional factors, such as, but not limited to; student interest, attendance, and post-graduation plans, for the enrollment in advanced courses to fit the needs of the students within the school. Decisions regarding enrollment in advanced courses will support our commitment to opportunity and access.

1 **NOTIFICATION¹**

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3 Parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be provided with written notification of a student’s eligibility to enroll in
4 advanced courses. The notification shall state that a student will remain enrolled in the course unless the
5 parent/guardian timely submits a written request for removal. The Director of Schools or his/her designee
6 shall determine the process and deadline to submit the request for removal.
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8 **COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES²**

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10 Students may earn credit by enrolling in a postsecondary institution and taking college level courses.
11 Students who take and pass any EPSO course including dual enrollment courses at a postsecondary
12 institution shall have their postsecondary credits accepted for high school credit as a substitution for an
13 aligned graduation requirement course.
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15 These courses may be offered at the high school, postsecondary institution, or online. If not offered on
16 the high school campus, the Board shall not be responsible for transportation. Any tuition or fees due to
17 enrollment in college level courses are the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s).
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19 Grades earned in such college level courses shall be used to determine class rank, grade point average,
20 and class valedictorian or salutatorian.
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31 Legal References:

- 32 1. T.C.A. 49-6-1012; State Board of Education Policy 3.301
- 33 2. TRR/MS 0520-01-03-.03(8)
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Cross References: