

Board Policy

Code No. 604.6R

INSTRUCTION AT A POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION REGULATION POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS ACT

The Post-secondary Enrollment Options Act was enacted in 1987 by the Iowa General Assembly to specifically promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wider variety of course options to high school students. This Act enables 9th and 10th grade students who have been identified as talented and gifted and all 11th and 12th grade students to enroll part-time in non-sectarian courses in eligible post-secondary institutions of higher learning in Iowa.

"Part-time" students in grades 11-12 at Bettendorf High School are eligible to participate under this Act. Eligible students who apply for participation in this program are subject to provisions of granting high school credit by Bettendorf High School as well as the length or participation eligibility as specified within the Act. Students MAY NOT enroll in a course at post-secondary institutions if a comparable course is available at Bettendorf High School. In addition, students may enroll in only non-sectarian courses and credit-bearing courses that would lead to an educational degree. Interested students should contact their guidance counselor for more information, appropriate application procedures, and guidelines.

The following guidelines apply to students interested in participating in the Post-secondary Enrollment Options Act:

1. Part-time students are eligible to participate during the regular academic school term in this program. For purposes of this Act, part-time eligible students at Bettendorf High School are defined as those 9th and 10th grade students identified as talented and gifted and all 11th or 12th grade students who are enrolled in a minimum of three credit-bearing courses during the school day;
2. Any student anticipating enrollment in a post-secondary course under this Act must complete and submit an application form on or before March 15th of the intent to enroll in said course for the ensuing school year. For summer courses the student must have completed the eleventh grade.

3rd Friday in August
Fall Term

Final date to submit Student Registration Form
for a postsecondary class for fall semester.

1st Friday in January
Spring Term

Final date to submit Student Registration Form
for a Spring Term postsecondary class for spring semester.

3. Additionally, post-secondary courses eligible for students to enroll in under this Act shall be limited to the discipline areas of mathematics, science, social sciences, humanities, vocational-technical and courses in career programs. Consideration should also be given to courses in literature, foreign languages, philosophy, civilizations and history (including courses in music and art that include a component of history). The high school administration must first approve the requested courses for eligibility to participate in this program.
4. Only those courses receiving official approval will be eligible for high school credit, GPA, and class rank. One high school credit will be granted for successful completion of any approved college course of 3 semester hours credit. GPA and class rank will also be calculated with the course noted on the student's official transcript. Courses earning any grade (also failure, withdrawal or incomplete) shall be so calculated on the student's permanent record, GPA, and class rank.

5. An official transcript from the post-secondary institution shall be received by the high school in order for credit to be granted. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the request for transcript be made.
6. Such courses may be used to meet any high school graduation requirements pending the approval of the high school administration.
7. Students must apply to the high school using the Notice of Student Registration Form. Parent permission is required prior to enrolling in a course. This registration must also be approved by the school prior to beginning the course. Registration forms are available in the Guidance office.
8. The parent or guardian shall furnish transportation to and from the eligible post-secondary institution.
9. Students will be responsible for scheduling post-secondary course(s) in a manner which does not conflict with their schedule at Bettendorf High School.
10. While attending Bettendorf High School and taking classes from another accredited institution, the student may transfer no more than 3 credits per semester to Bettendorf High School. All transfer credits must be approved in advance by the high school administration. Official transcripts are required in order for credit to be posted on the student's permanent record.
11. Students are subject to the same guidelines for conduct and academic eligibility as are true at Bettendorf High School.
12. The following post-secondary institutions in Scott County are eligible for participation in the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Act:
 - Eastern Iowa Community College District, Davenport
 - Kaplan College, Davenport
 - American Institute of Commerce, Bettendorf
 - Palmer College of Chiropractic, Davenport
 - St. Ambrose University, Davenport
13. The costs that may be paid by the Bettendorf Community School District for those eligible students participating in this program shall be limited to the lesser of the actual and customary costs of tuition, textbooks, materials, and fees directly related to the course taken by the student, or \$250. Students may be required by nature of the course to purchase equipment that becomes property of the student. All text materials purchased by the District shall remain the property of the District.
14. A student may not enroll in a post-secondary course when a comparable course is available at Bettendorf High School. The administration reserves the right to determine acceptability of courses as provided under this act and very much encourages students to seek prior approval before enrolling in such courses.
15. Support services in the form of counseling will be available to students at Bettendorf High School as well as the post-secondary institution. These services will include academic, social, and emotional counseling related to participation under this act.
16. All other options as specified by the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Act, Chapter 261, C of the Iowa Code shall be in effect.

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