POLICY TITLE: Awarding High School Credit for **Courses Taken Before Ninth Grade** **POLICY NO: 609.50** PAGE 1 of 1

Soda Springs School District No. 150 will award credit to any student who completes any required high school course with a grade of C or higher before entering grade nine (9), if the following criteria are met:

- 1. The course meets the same content standards that are required in high school;
- 2. The course is taught by a properly certified teacher who meets the federal definition of being highly qualified for the course being taught; and
- 3. The school providing the course is accredited as recognized by the Idaho State Board of Education (SBOE).

Upon successful completion of the course, the student's grade and the number of credit hours assigned to the course will be transferred to the student's high school transcript.

Courses taken in middle/junior high school that appear on the student's high school transcript will count for the purpose of high school graduation. However, the student must complete the required number of credits in all high school core subjects as identified in IDAPA 08.02.03.105 and Policy No. 610, High School Graduation Requirements.

EXCEPTIONS

Students must take two (2) semester credits of the required six (6) semester mathematics credits during the final year of high school. However, students who have completed six (6) credits of math prior to the fall of their last year of high school, including at least two (2) semesters of an Advanced Placement (AP) or dual credit calculus or higher level course, are exempt from taking math during their last year of high school. High school math credits completed in middle/junior high school will count for this purpose.

This policy does not apply to obtaining credit for senior projects.

LEGAL REFERENCE:

Idaho Code Section 33-512C – Encouragement of Gifted Students IDAPA 08.02.03.105 – High School Graduation Requirements

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