

Memo to the Okemos Public Schools Board of Education: Proposed Recommendation & Changes for an Okemos Public Schools District Student/Parent Handbook 2026-2027

The OHS administrative and counseling team has reviewed the OHS Academic Handbook and the following items are being presented as additions/deletions/revisions:

- **Edgenuity (p. 3-4)**
 - **REVISION:** Edgenuity is purely for credit recovery. This must be completed in the summer. Cannot be used to improve grades.
 - **ADDITION:** Courses taken through Edgenuity must be paid for by families and will be reported on the transcript as credit-only.
 - **REMOVE:** Specific allowances for taking Edgenuity that are no longer permissible (A student needs credits that don't fit into the schedule, have an active IEP with resource support and want to attend Wilson Talent Center, or are unable to attend school due to prolonged illness or suspension)

- **Credit/No Credit Option (p. 4)**
 - **REVISION:** If students would like to choose a credit/no credit option, this must be done within the first two weeks of class as opposed to before the semester begins.

- **Dual Enrollment (p. 5)**
 - **REVISION:** Students are required to enroll in a full schedule of OHS classes until they have secured and submitted evidence of their enrollment in a college course, at which time their OHS schedule will be adjusted. *If a scheduled dual enrollment class spans two OHS hours, both OHS hours will be dedicated to the dual enrollment class.*

- **MSU GATE Programming (p. 5-6)**
 - **ADDITION:** School-Funded Courses Section-explains how a student's schedule is set up, reimbursement process, how grades are recorded, attendance is taken, and the application process.
 - **ADDITION:** Parent Paid Online Courses Section-explains cost responsibility, schedule details, how grades are reported
 - **REVISION:** External credits applied as grades, consistent with other external credits.
 - **ADDITION:** Directs families to section on 21f for more information.
 - **REMOVE:** OHS Enrollment and credits section. Moved to a different location in the document.

- **External Credit Guidelines (p. 6-7)**
 - **ADDITION:** External Credits must be reported prior to the start of the next semester. For example, a student who earned credit during the summer must report so prior to the first day of the fall semester.

- **Graduation Requirements (p. 8)**
 - **ADDITION:** Personal Finance (Beginning with the Class of 2028) (0.5 credit): Personal Finance or Economics
- **Independent Study (p. 8)**
 - **ADDITION:** All independent studies must be rooted in curricular work with clearly defined learning academic standards and regular instructional assessments to measure learning.
- **ADDITION: Meeting the two-credit world language requirement at Okemos High School (p. 9)**
 - **ADDITION:** Explanation on how to meet world language requirements through alternative routes
- **Reduced Schedule (p. 10)**
 - **ADDITION:** Students with a reduced schedule may not remain in the school building during their reduced period.
 - **ADDITION:** Only seniors may have a reduced schedule beginning the 27-28 school year.
- **Repeating Courses (p. 10)**
 - **ADDITION:** Qualified courses are designated as such in the Course Guide.
- **ADDITION: Middle School Students Enrolled in High-School Level Courses (p. 10)**
 - **ADDITION:** Middle School students taking high-school level courses will earn credit for their courses on their High School transcripts. Beginning in the 2027-2028 school year, all grades earned will also be applied to the High School transcript and factor towards the student GPA
- **Schedule Change Requests (p. 10-11)**
 - **REMOVE** - The student seeks to exchange a second-semester elective course for another elective course in the same hour.
 - **REMOVE** - The student seeks to enroll in the second semester of a year-long class online; content covered in 21f and addressed in the scheduling timeline for initial registration.
- **State School Aid-Section 21f: Online Courses (p. 11-12)**
 - **REVISION** - Seniors will no longer be able to work offsite for MVU during their last hour of the day
 - **REVISION-** Withdrawal deadline for online class has been adjusted. Students cannot withdraw once the class begins as opposed to when they enroll.
 - **REVISION:** Course Registration and completion of course language clarified

- **Attendance Requirements (p. 13)**

- **REMOVE:** Exception: Okemos High School seniors enrolled in a 21f course may only leave the building if their 21f course is scheduled during their last hour of the day and permission is granted by the parent/guardian.

Additional Notes: The handbook was reviewed for formatting requirements and corrections were made as necessary. Changes to personnel, event dates, available programs, and grammar (without altering content) were also updated. Specifically, those changes we made in the following sections: AP Exam Administration (p. 3), MSU Gate Programming (p.5), Post-MSU GATE course placement (p.6), Michigan Seal of Biliteracy (p.9).