
Assignment of New Students to Classes and Grade Levels

Nothing in this policy is intended to prejudice the student's education as received in any nonaccredited school but only to assure maintenance of standards of the Madison Public Schools.

Students transferring from a school accredited by a state department of education will enroll at the grade level and with the course credits indicated by the records of the previous school. Students transferring from a school that is nonaccredited will be accepted for enrollment at the level school records indicate, but the level of mastery and the quality of their previous class work must be validated against Madison Public School's performance standards and benchmarks.

Grades K-8

Previous work will be validated for K-8 students by successfully completing the grade in which they enroll. If upon enrollment, it appears that the student is not able to handle the assigned level after 20 school days, the school psychologist or other qualified person will evaluate the student by a written and / or oral examination. The psychologist, building principal, teachers, and parents involved will meet to determine the appropriateness of the placement of the student.

Grades 9 - 12

Transfer From Accredited School

A student transferring from an accredited school must earn a minimum of 4.25 credits during the senior year to receive a Daniel Hand High School diploma. Students must complete all graduation requirements in order to participate in the commencement exercises. Any transferred second-semester senior may arrange with his / her former school to receive a diploma.

Transfer From Nonaccredited School

Previous high school work will be validated for a 9-12 student by successfully completing a placement assessment for every unit / course completed in a nonaccredited high school, i.e. successful completion of the placement assessment of mathematics would validate the mathematics credit being transferred. If the placement assessment does not validate the credit, similar or equivalent work will be evaluated at the discretion of the principal. Students transferring from nonaccredited schools may transfer a maximum of (6) equivalent units per school year. Ordinarily, students from nonaccredited high schools will not be eligible to graduate from Daniel Hand High School with less than two years of attendance.

Reference: New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)
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