

## **POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS/CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT**

The Sierra Grande School Board of Education believes that students who are ready for college work and meet the eligibility requirements set forth by the school and the college should be permitted to do so. In accordance with this policy and accompanying regulation, high school students may receive course credit toward the fulfillment of high school graduation requirements for successful completion of approved postsecondary courses offered by institutions of higher education.

This policy and accompanying regulation do not apply to students seeking to enroll in postsecondary courses pursuant to the Accelerating Students through Concurrent Enrollment (ASCENT) program or a "dropout recovery program" pursuant to the Concurrent Enrollment Programs Act (the Act). Students seeking to enroll in the ASCENT program or a dropout recovery program shall work with district administrators and meet the Act's applicable requirements.

The High school Concurrent/Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program (PSEO) is one of the two options available to high school students.

### **Post-secondary Options Program**

Any high school student (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade), who is under the age of 21, who is deemed by the student, his/her parent/guardian, on the advice of the school counselor and principal, to be ready for college work in a subject area which is not offered at the school and who meets college entrance eligibility/placement requirements may apply to an institution of higher education.

Academic credit granted for course work successfully completed by a student under this program shall count as high school credit toward graduation requirements unless credit is denied by the principal and the denial is upheld by the Board of Education on the basis that such credit is inappropriate. Prior consultation between the student, parent, and school counselor must occur before the student is enrolled. Any appeal procedure is provided in the event a student is denied high school credit. A student participating in this program shall still be considered as enrolled in the District and eligible for all high school activities.

This program is not available for summer school or remedial courses.

When a student enrolls in courses at an institution of higher education for high school credit, the school district and the participating institution shall enter into a written

cooperative agreement which shall include but not limited to payment of tuition. The agreement shall include statements that any courses taken by the students under this program also shall qualify toward earning a degree or certificate at the institution of higher education.

The school district shall pay the student tuition for all higher education classes completed by the student in which an average of C or above is maintained. The determination for enrollment and schedule of all higher education classes/courses must have the approval of the guidance counselor and high school principal before the student enrolls in any classes. If the class is offered at the school and the student desires to take the class at an institution of higher education, the student and/or parents are liable for the cost of tuition. The district shall not be responsible for the costs of transportation, room and board, fees, books, or equipment.

If the student voluntarily drops a course without the consent of the principal, the student or the student's parent/guardian shall reimburse the school district for the amount of tuition paid by the District. If the student does not receive a grade of C or higher for the course, the student's parent/guardian shall reimburse the school district for the amount of tuition paid by the District. The District shall comply with all reporting requirements of the State Board of Education. To facilitate the attendance requirement for these students, the student will have a daily log sheet which will have the course number, beginning date of the class, class meeting dates, ending date of the class, as well as signatures by the instructor to document attendance requirement. Failure to do so will result in voiding the agreement between the student and the school district.

### **Fast Track Program**

Any student who has completed the requirements for graduation may take one or more higher education courses during the senior year. The student shall remain eligible for sanctioned high school activities if that student meets the academic and residency qualifications.

Tuition for higher education courses shall be paid by the District in accordance with the formula in law. The District shall not be responsible for the costs of transportation, room and board, fees, books, or equipment. The attendance log is still required to satisfy the agreement between the student and the school district.

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1 CCR 301-1, Rule 2202-R-3.10(2)  
1 CCR 301-33, Rule 2235-R-1.0 et seq.