

## SECONDARY SCHOOLS COURSE CREDIT

All students in grades 6 -12 will be eligible to receive credit for those courses in which they have met the minimum requirements outlined below.

The Newburgh Enlarged City School District Board of Education will support students in meeting the requirements pursuant to this policy. The Superintendent of Schools, the Central Administration, School Administration and the Instructional Staff will provide all students with the necessary opportunities and avenues to receive course credit in accordance with this policy.

A student who desires to earn high school course credit in any course that she or he takes in an academic program leading to graduation must meet the following course requirements, prior to receiving credit:

1. Obtain a final passing grade of 65. This grade will be achieved through a calculation that includes the marking period grades, the mid-term assessment (if applicable) and the final assessment (if applicable).
2. Achieve marking period grades from a combination of assessments, projects, class participation, and other achievement grading criteria.
3. Take the course final assessment (if applicable). All students in grades 9-12, except seniors who meet the exemption criteria outlined in the NFA Handbook, will be required to take the final assessment.

Students who meet the achievement criteria outlined in the NFA Handbook (formerly “exemption criteria”) will be required to take the final assessment but his/her score on the final assessment will count only if it enhances the student’s grade.

The following are applicable requirements regarding secondary school courses:

1. All students enrolled in a Regents course must sit for the corresponding Regents examination in order to obtain course credit. The Regents score will appear on the students’ transcript. The Regents score will not be counted towards the final average. If a course culminates in a Regents examination, there will be no additional District final assessment.
2. All non-Regents secondary school courses will terminate in a District final assessment. This assessment will count as 20% of the student’s final average if no common mid-term assessment is administered in the course. In the courses that include a District common mid-term assessment, both the final assessment and the mid-term assessment each count for 10% of the student’s final grade.
3. For the first three marking periods of a full-year course, the lowest grade on a student’s report card will be a 50. For a one semester course, the lowest grade on a student’s report card will be a 50. **In order to be eligible for a modified score of 50 on any of the first three marking period grades, a student must maintain a minimum attendance rate of 93% (exclusive of excused absences) for that course during each of the individual marking periods.**

A student with a final average grade of between 64 and 55 may retake the course and the final assessment in summer school, if offered. If the student passes the summer school course, she or he will receive credit for the course. If the student does not pass the summer school course, she or he must retake the course for credit during the following school year.

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