



OFFICE OF INSTRUCTION

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Mission: Mat-Su Borough School District prepares students for success

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Dear Members of the Twenty Eighth Legislature:

The Mat-Su Borough School District would like to offer support for House Bill 190. Providing other credit options is consistent with what we as a district think meets today's best practices in education.

Current MSBSD Board policy provides students the opportunity to challenge courses using a college-level examination program. Below shows how credit is assigned when a student in the district takes and passes a college level course:

Other Credit Options: Early College Admission AR 6146.2(c)

Upon completion of the program, the student must provide a transcript to the building principal in order for a high school diploma to be granted. It is the student's responsibility to verify that the program meets all senior requirements for graduation.

1. Early College Admission courses may be used for specific curriculum credit and for elective credit.
2. Early College Admission courses must be "100" level and above. Students completing college coursework will receive high school credit as follows:
 - 0.5 high school credit for a one (1) or two (2) semester hour college course
 - 1.0 high school credit for a three (3) or four (4) semester hour college course
 - 1.5 high school credit for a five (5) or six (6) semester hour college course
3. Use: College Coursework or Early College Admission Form

Please do not hesitate to ask for additional clarification on how MSBSD addresses Other Credit Options for our students. We believe HB 190 is good for all kids in Alaska and support a uniformed statute that will provide consistency for all districts.

Sincerely,

Gene Stone