

Dell Rapids School District #49-3



Policies and Regulations Code: JECBC – Students

JECBC ADMISSION OF TRANSFER STUDENTS AND STUDENTS FROM NON-ACCREDITED SCHOOLS

Grade placement for students in kindergarten through eighth grade and high school credits accepted by the Dell Rapids School District shall be determined by the appropriate building principal.

Kindergarten through eighth grade students transferring from an accredited school will be placed at the same grade level as in the school from which the student transferred.

Students enrolling in grades kindergarten through eighth grade and who have been receiving alternative instruction pursuant to SDCL 13-27-3 or attending a non-accredited school shall be placed at the student's demonstrated level of proficiency as determined by reviewing school transcripts, standardized achievement test results and Dell Rapids School District evaluations (which may include, but is not limited to passing semester or end-of-year tests).

High school students transferring into the Dell Rapids School District are required to fulfill the Dell Rapids School District's graduation requirements in order to graduate. Should the school from which the student transferred have different graduation requirements than does the Dell Rapids School District (i.e., require fewer high school credits to graduate or different class or prerequisite requirements, for example) and subject to prior approval by the superintendent and school board, the building principal may waive district graduation requirements. No waiver shall be granted of State graduation requirements. The building principal may also, upon a sufficient showing of class subject matter comparability, approve high school credit for classes taken in another accredited school district as fulfilling district requirements in curriculum areas (math, science, fine arts, English, social studies, physical education/health, etc.).

A high school student that has been receiving alternative instruction pursuant to SDCL 13-27-3 or attending a non-accredited school, shall receive transfer credits based upon one or more of the following: Dell Rapids School District evaluations (which may include, but is not limited to passing semester or end-of-year tests in classes/subjects for which the student wishes transfer credit), applicable standardized achievement tests, previous transcripts from accredited schools attended prior to attending a non-accredited school or receiving alternative instruction, and the student's demonstrated level of proficiency.

Right to Appeal

Should the parent/guardian disagree with the grade placement or transfer of credits as determined by the building principal, the parent/guardian may appeal the building principal's determination to the superintendent. Should the parent/guardian disagree with the superintendent's decision, the parent/guardian may appeal the decision to the Board of Education. [In any appeal to the superintendent or Board of Education, the parent/guardian has the burden of showing the placement or credit transfer as determined by the building principal is not supported by the competent, credible evidence, i.e., the transcripts, evaluations and other means which the building principal may have utilized to determine grade level and/or credits transferred]. Final appeal after the appeal at the district level may be made to the Secretary of the Department of Education

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