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PUPIL ASSIGNMENT FROM NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS OR CHARTER SCHOOLS

I. Introduction

A parent/legal guardian/legal custodian is allowed to form a home school for the purpose of teaching his children at home. These homeschools must meet specific requirements of the Governor’s Office, Division of Non-Public Education. Homeschools must register with the State North Carolina School Office; submit credentials for the homeschool teacher; operate on a full nine-month calendar; maintain attendance records; and see that students are tested annually with standardized instruments. Homeschools are encouraged to offer daily instruction similar in quality, scope, and duration to instruction at local public schools. Approved homeschools fulfill the State’s compulsory attendance requirements. A charter school in North Carolina is a deregulated public school operated by a group of parents/legal guardians/legal custodians, teachers, and/or community members as a semi-autonomous school of choice within a school district, operating under a “charter” with the State Board of Education. Charter schools operate under the conditions and terms outlined in the General Statutes. A non-accredited private school is a private school that has registered with the North Carolina Division of Non-Public Education in the Governor’s office but has not been accredited by an appropriate agency. Chapter 115C of the General Statutes outlines the operational terms and conditions of non-public schools.

II. Procedures and Criteria for Grade Placement and Award of Academic Credit in Public Schools

Students who have been taught in a homeschool, non-accredited private school, or charter school and decide to enroll fulltime in Henderson County Public Schools must provide appropriate documentation as outlined in this policy in order to receive credit for instruction received in the homeschool, non-accredited private school, or charter school. Henderson County Public Schools authorizes and provides admission (reference Policy 410) for the limited dual enrollment of private, parochial and homeschool students in middle and high schools operated by the school district. Dually enrolled students must be enrolled for a minimum of one half of the school day. For the purpose of this policy, one half of the school day shall be determined by instructional periods. Enrollment for less than one half of the day shall not be permitted. Students who are dually enrolled must pass all coursework and meet the school district’s attendance requirements as well as satisfy any associated state and local exams/testing. Students cannot be dual enrolled in the Henderson County Public Schools while enrolled in a charter school. Only students enrolled in the Henderson

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County Public Schools, whether fulltime or dually enrolled, will be permitted to participate in extracurricular activities. The Henderson County Public School System provides testing services only to students enrolled in the Henderson County Public Schools. As a courtesy, Henderson County Public Schools may provide test administration of College Board tests (PSAT/AP) to non-Henderson County Public School students on a case-by-case basis. The cost of such administration shall be borne by the student.

For enrollment and per Policy 410, the public school shall be provided with:

1. Documentation of registration of the homeschool or accredited private school with the North Carolina Division of Non-Public Education;
2. The student's birth certificate;
3. The student's immunization record;
4. The student's attendance record;
5. A transcript from the non-accredited private school or charter school documenting work completed;
6. The annual nationally standardized testing results at the appropriate grade level for the student or annual results from state required tests;
7. A syllabus for the work completed; and
8. Any other documentation, which will assist, if it applies.
9. If applying for dual enrollment, the student's parent or guardian must sign and provide the school with signed dual enrollment agreement.

III. Placement

- Principals will place students basing the placement on work documented and taking into account their chronological age, social development, emotional maturity, and their physical development.
- After considering course availability, course capacity, the student's academic readiness, and other relevant factors, the principal shall make the final decision regarding credit for grade levels completed, ~~and~~ grade placement and/or student's course selection.
- The Principal shall have the authority to grade and classify pupils, except a Principal shall not require additional testing of a student entering a public school from a non-public school, if test scores for a nationally standardized test or nationally standardized equivalent measure that are adequate to determine the appropriate placement of the child are available. Principals are free to require

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further testing of students, if existing test scores are inadequate.

IV. Credit and Grades

- By law, credit is assigned at the Principal’s discretion and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- Credit and grades earned in homeschools or non-accredited private schools will be recorded on the student’s transcript as pass or fail and designated as Homeschooled (HS) or Private Non-Accredited (PNA) on the transcript, with no curriculum level or course weight considered.
- A student and parent/legal guardian/legal custodian must present attendance and enrollment records.
- In order to participate in class rank, a student must have a minimum of thirteen (13) credits (for a “4x4” school) or eleven (11) credits (for a “Traditional” school) from an accredited private school or public school.