



New Mexico Public Education Department

ALTERNATIVE CREDIT

APPROVAL REQUEST

Instructions: Please complete this form electronically and submit it via e-mail to Lori Bachman at lori.bachman@state.nm.us from the Superintendent's or designee's e-mail. Note: the boxes automatically expand as you add text.

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Date of Submission April 8, 2010

Has local school board approval been obtained? (Next Board meeting in May) Yes No

Date of board approval. May 13, 2010

PLEASE USE A SEPARATE REQUEST FOR EACH COURSE.

APPLICABLE STATUTE AND/OR STATE RULE:

6.29.1.9 PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS:

J. Graduation requirements.

(11) Alternative credit. Local districts, charter schools or state educational institutions may design elective courses, known as alternative credit courses, to satisfy any of the specified credits required for graduation.

(a) The process includes:

(i) review of the licensure and endorsements of affected staff;

(ii) review of required course content standards with benchmarks and

performance standards with the proposed elective course, and summary of alignment between the two courses;

(iii) determination of the amount of credit that will be generated;

(iv) publication of information regarding what course is available for alternative credit and identification of STARS course number;

(v) inclusion of the availability of alternative credit in all next-step plans;

(vi) note on the student transcript that the graduation requirement course was completed using the named alternative credit course;

(vii) review and preliminary approval by the local board of education or

governing body of a charter school.

(b) Once the process has been completed, the district superintendent or administrator of a charter school or state educational institution shall submit a written request, with appropriate documentation, to the secretary for approval.

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Course to be replaced with its assigned STARS number:

1004 English Language Arts IV

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Proposed alternative course with STARS number if applicable:

1013 AP English Literature and Composition

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Amount of credit offered for the proposed alternative course:

One Credit

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Please explain if there is not a one-to-one unit ratio between the two courses:

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Assurances:

How will the alternative credit information be included in the Next Step plans?

The course will be included as an option for graduation as the fourth year of English.

How will alternative credit information be disseminated in advance of the course offering?

Students are informed in the Course Offerings distributed by the district during registration

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Explain rationale for alternative credit request:

Many students wish to take an AP English Course in lieu of the standard English IV course so as to be prepared for the Advanced Placement Exam and to receive college credit.

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Provide a summary showing the alternative course will meet the content standards of the graduation requirement course:

<p>The College Board syllabus has been cross-walked to the New Mexico Standards for English IV. The course follows the new Mexico requirements for standards and the College Board requirements.</p>
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