

Administrative Procedure 6020

***Alternative Senior Years Credits***

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[Manitoba Regulation 167/99 \(High School Graduation Requirements\)](#)

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The Interlake School Division (ISD) supports the provision of alternative credits as permitted by Manitoba Education in obtaining accreditation for a high school diploma. Students are encouraged to consult with their school counsellor or Principal for more information on any of the alternatives listed below. Note that fees may be charged for some of the following alternatives.

**1. Career Development Internship**

The Career Development Internship (CDI) credit option is intended to recognize and encourage the skill development and experience students acquire through internships. Student may earn up to 2.0 high school credit(s) for an unpaid internship. Visit [Career Development](#) for more information.

**2. Challenge for Credit Option**

The Challenge for Credit Option offers students the opportunity to apply prior knowledge in a particular subject area by demonstrating learning in that course/specialty and receiving credit for it. See [Challenge for Credit](#).

### **3. Credit for Employment**

Credit for Employment (CFE) allows students to earn high school credit for paid work experience, to encourage and recognize the skills development and experience gained through employment. Students may earn a maximum of 2 CFE credits towards graduation. See [Credit for Employment Guidelines](#).

### **4. Credit Recovery**

Credit recovery programs help students stay in school and graduate on time. Credit recovery is not intended to replace programs that already exist; rather, it helps students succeed by providing them with an in-school alternative to achieve learning outcomes they previously attempted to achieve in the classroom. This program would need to be approved by the school Principal.

### **5. Distance Learning Course**

Distance learning is a method of accessing courses of study even though learners and their teachers, instructors, or tutor/markers may be in different physical locations. Teacher Mediated Option (TMO) courses and Web-Based Courses (WBC) are available to students in Manitoba. See [Distance Learning](#).

### **6. Duke of Edinburgh Award Program**

The hours that Manitoba students accumulate through their participation in the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award program can be used towards high school credits. See [Duke of Edinburgh's International Award program](#) and [Community Service Credit](#).

### **7. High School Apprenticeship Program (HSAP)**

HSAP allows students to begin apprenticeship training while in high school. It combines regular high school instruction with paid, part-time, on-the-job apprenticeship training. Students may earn up to eight credits toward graduation and collect apprenticeship hours. See the [HSAP Brochure](#) for more information.

### **8. International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement Courses**

Students may take Grade 11 and Grade 12 International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced Placement (AP) courses for credit in schools that offer courses. Schools offering IB and AP courses must ensure that students do not receive credit for similar courses based on Manitoba curricula.

### **9. Private Music Option**

Students can obtain up to four additional credits beyond the minimum 30 credits required for provincial graduation upon successful completion of Royal Conservatory of Canada or Conservatory Canada exams. For more information visit the [Private Music Option](#).

## 10. Recognizing Post-Secondary Courses for Dual Credit

Post-secondary courses can be offered to students while they are attending high school. Upon the successful completion of a post-secondary course, a student earns a post-secondary credit which counts toward fulfilling the credit requirements for high school graduation. See [High School Dual Credits](#).

## 11. Royal Winnipeg Ballet (RWB)

High school students can earn credits when they are registered in the senior levels of the RWB professional program.

## 12. School-Initiated Courses (SICs) and Student-Initiated Projects (SIPs)

School-initiated Courses (SICs) are curricula developed by school divisions/schools to meet local needs and interests. Student-initiated Projects (SIPs) are curricular projects that students develop based on their interests. Students may obtain credit for a maximum of eleven SICs and three SIPs across their Senior Years. For more Information, visit [SICs and SIPs](#).

## 13. Special Language Credit Option

Students may be awarded up to four special language credits through two pathways:

- By presenting recognized credentials (transcripts, report cards, certificates of standing, etc.) that demonstrate prior instruction or proficiency in languages other than English or French.
- By successfully completing special language examinations. Arrangements are made through the school principal for a qualified examiner to assess the student's oral and written skills.

Visit the [Special Language Credit Option](#) for more information.

## 14. Substitution of Credit

Principals may substitute a maximum of two compulsory credits in Grade 9 through Grade 12 when there is a strong case for doing so, and when it is in keeping with local school division policies. See [Substitution of Credits in Unusual Circumstances](#).

## 15. Summer School

Students take summer school courses for a variety of reasons. They may attend summer school to improve a grade in a particular course, to earn extra credits or to repeat a course and gain the credits.

## 16. Transfer to Manitoba

Students may transfer to the Manitoba school system from another jurisdiction. They can have their high school courses evaluated and accepted as Senior Years credits by local school principals. For more information see the [Evaluating Non-Manitoba Course Completions for Senior Years Credits](#) document.