

Option II Program

Option II Guidelines (Alternative pathways for attaining High School Graduation Credits)

Option II establishes alternate pathways for students of the Hanover Park Regional High School District to satisfy graduation requirements and meet Core Curriculum Content Standards in accordance with New Jersey Administrative Code [NJAC 6A: 8-5.1(a)lii}. Option II alternative experiences are voluntary. Students may fulfill the requirements for graduation by pursuing credits earned through the traditional classroom environments, alternative learning experiences availed through Option II or through a combination of both programs.

Option II permits students to engage in a variety of alternative learning experiences which are stimulating and intellectually challenging, enabling them to fulfill or exceed expectations set forth by the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. Students may take part in Option II alternatives by participating in the following: student exchange programs, interdisciplinary or themed-based programs, independent study, internships, accredited college coursework, concurrent enrollment at colleges and universities, online and distance learning opportunities.

All costs associated with the Option II Program will be the responsibility of the student and/or parent/guardian.

Rationale for Option II:

1. Credit Recovery- to make-up a subject failed during regular school session.
 - a. Credits are awarded after the recovery course is successfully completed. Successful completion requires a minimum passing grade (65 or higher).
 - b. The course must have a minimum of 60 clock hours to recover five credits.
 - c. The credit recovery numerical grade will be recorded on the student's transcript and will factor into the student's G.P.A.
 - d. It is the student's responsibility to have appropriate grade reports forwarded to the Counseling Office upon completion of the external course.
2. Original credit - to earn credits outside of the Hanover Park Regional High School District for academic advancement, experience courses beyond the district's curriculum, or to meet graduation requirements.
 - a. Credits are awarded after the course/program and respective Hanover Park Regional High School District's proficiency assessment have been successfully completed. Successful completion requires a minimum passing grade (65 or higher).
 - b. A *Pass* (P) or *Fail* (F) will be recorded on the student's transcript and will not affect the student's G.P.A.
 - c. A copy of the transcript from the institution where an alternative class was taken will be provided to the counseling office and will be sent with the HP/WP transcript.
 - d. Credit will not count towards the 140-credit high school graduation requirement.
 - e. Coursework outside of the district's approved curriculum guidelines will be approved at the discretion of the building principal.

Application for Option II: Hanover Park Regional High School students must complete an application which includes an application through the Hanover Park Regional High School District's Counseling Department PRIOR to enrolling in a course.

Proficiency Assessments: Proficiency assessments are used for placement purposes and required for Option II credits to be received when a request for advancement is being made. These assessments will be administered by the Hanover Park Regional High School District supervisor or designee. These assessments are aligned with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and corresponding Hanover Park Regional High School District curriculum when applicable.

Option II Application

Student Name: _____

Date of Submission: _____

School (*circle one*): Hanover Park High School

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Grade in 2024-25 School Year _____

Counselor: _____

Rationale for request: (*please check one*)

- ☐ I am seeking credit recovery for a course that I have taken at HP/WP and failed.
- ☐ I am seeking original credit for advancement for a course I have not yet taken.
- ☐ I am seeking original credit for a course not offered at HP/WP.
- ☐ I am seeking original credit for a course in order to fulfill graduation requirements.
- ☐ Other (please provide rationale): _____

Name of Course: _____

Provider/Instructor: _____

*Please attach a complete course description from the online provider, cooperating school or independent instructor for the desired course, along with contact information for that institution or individual.

Expected Start Date: _____

- In order to ensure complete processing of Option II requests prior to summer sessions, any application for Option II original credit must be submitted to your school counselor by June 1. Any requests submitted after June 1 will be processed as quickly as possible depending on the availability of counselors and administrators during summer session.
- Any course taken by a HP/WP student without prior approval of administration will NOT be granted credit.

I have read and understand all the Option II guidelines as outlined.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

(Do not write below this line. For Hanover Park Regional High School District official school use only)

☐ Approved

☐ Denied

School Counselor: _____

Date: _____

Content Area Supervisor: _____

Date: _____

Principal Signature: _____

Date: _____