

Policy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 8:30 AM

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I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes

A. October 5, 2021 Policy Committee Meeting
Minutes

III. Discussion of policies, regulations, and bylaws

A. Discussion and vote on Policy/Regulation 6146 -
Graduation Requirements

B. Discussion of Policy 6146.2 - Credit for Online
Courses

IV. Discussion of policies, regulations, and bylaws in future meetings

V. Adjourn

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Members Present:

Melissa Walker

Sharon Ferraro

Members Absent:

Taffy Miller

1. Call to Order

Melissa Walker called the meeting to order at 8:43am. In attendance, Lisa Wolak - Superintendent of Schools, Jodi Sacchetta - Executive Assistant to Superintendent, Juliane Givoni - Interim Principal Weston High School

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the October 5, 2021 Policy Committee Meeting minutes:

Sharon Ferraro; second Melissa Walker

Yays: 2

Nays: 0

3. Discussion of policies, regulations, and bylaws:

Discussion A: Policy/Regulation 6146 - Graduation Requirements.

Givoni gave an overview of Policy/Regulation 6146 with suggested revisions to align with current practice. First read at October 18, 2021 Board of Meeting and a second read at November 15, 2021 Board of Education Meeting.

Discussion B: Policy 3257 - Sustainability

Policy 3257 is complete and ready for second read at the October 18, 2021 Board of Education Meeting.

4. Discussion of policies, regulations, and bylaws in future meetings

Discussion: Policy 6146.2 - Credit for Online Courses

5. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Sharon Ferraro at 9:10am

InstructionGraduation RequirementsHigh School

I.	To meet the requirements for a diploma from Weston High School, a student must successfully complete a minimum of twenty-five (25) credits in grades nine through twelve as outlined below, unless otherwise determined by a student's PPT in accordance with state and federal law	
A.	Humanities, Including World Language and the Arts	10.0
	i. English (See Section II)	4.0
	ii. Social Studies	3.0
	• 1.0 US History	
	• 0.5 American Government	
	• 1.5 Other	
	iii. Visual and Performing Arts	1.0
	iv. World Language	1.0
	v. Humanities Elective	1.0
B.	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics	9.0
	i. Mathematics	3.0
	ii. Science	3.0
	• 1.0 Lab life science	
	• 1.0 Lab physical science	
	• 1.0 Other	
	iii. STEM Electives	3.0
C.	Physical Education and Wellness	1.0
D.	Health and Safety	1.0
E.	Electives – any area	3.0
F.	Mastery Based Assessment – Portrait of the Graduate (See Section III)	1..0
	TOTAL	25.0

- II. Every student must successfully complete the Weston High School Writing Portfolio.
- III. Every student must successfully complete the Weston High School Portrait of the Graduate.
- IV. In addition to other graduation requirements, seniors must pass a minimum of three credits during the senior year, including one credit in English, to qualify for graduation.
- V. Full-Time Status – The course load expectations for full-time status are:
 - A. Freshmen and Sophomores: Seven courses each semester, all of which must be graded “A” – “F”.
 - B. Juniors and Seniors: Six courses each semester, all of which must be graded “A” – “F”.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the minimum number of credits required for graduation is 25.
- VI. Credits awarded by accredited secondary public and private high schools will be accepted toward fulfillment of the twenty-five (25) required credits.
 - A. Courses completed prior to enrollment at Weston High School will be documented by attaching the official transcript from the previous institution, reflecting course completion and earned credit, to the Weston High School transcript. Grades awarded for such courses shall not be included in the student’s GPA.
 - B. Courses completed for credit recovery while enrolled at Weston High School will be reflected on the Weston High School transcript.
- VII. Credit for courses taken online will be subject to Policy 6146.2
- VIII. All exceptions, including any courses taken pursuant to paragraphs VI and VII above, must be specifically pre-approved in writing by the principal.

Regulation approved	March 5, 1991
Regulation revised	February 25, 2014
	June 6, 2016
	February 28, 2017
	May 20, 2019

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Instruction**Credit for Online Courses**

The Weston Board of Education recognizes the importance of digital learning in education and the growing value and use of online coursework. In that regard, and in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 10-221a, the Board sanctions the receipt of online course credit, including credit to be used toward high school graduation requirements, in accordance with this policy.

Pre-approval

To receive credit for online courses, including credit to be used toward high school graduation requirements, which are not otherwise offered by the high school, students must, prior to registering for the course, receive approval from the high school principal or his/her designee. The decision of the principal or his/her designee with regard to online course credit approval is final. Pre-approval for online course credit may be granted if the following requirements are met:

1. The workload required by the online course is equivalent to that of a similar course taught in a traditional classroom setting;
2. The content of the online course is rigorous and aligned with curriculum guidelines approved by the State Board of Education, where appropriate;
3. The course engages students and has interactive components, which may include, but are not limited to, required interactions between students and their teachers, participation in online demonstrations, discussion boards, or virtual labs;
4. The program of instruction for such online coursework is planned, ongoing, and systematic;
5. The courses are:
 - a. taught by teachers who are certified in Connecticut or another state and have received training on teaching in an online environment, or
 - b. offered by institutions of higher education that are accredited by the Connecticut Board of Regents for Higher Education or regionally accredited; and

6. The principal has determined, in his or her professional judgment, that, given the student's academic and disciplinary history, the student is appropriately suited to engage in online coursework.

Additional Requirements

Only students in grades 9-12 are eligible to receive credit toward high school graduation by taking online courses. Students who have been pre-approved shall receive such credit upon completing the online course and obtaining a passing grade from the provider of the course. The course will be recorded on the student's transcript on a pass/fail basis.

Any expense incurred for taking the online course shall be the responsibility of the student and shall not be the responsibility of the Board of Education.

Legal References

Connecticut General Statutes § 10-221a.

APPROVED: January 22, 2018

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