

1 In its effort to provide a rigorous expanded curriculum that will adequately prepare students for  
2 future educational and workplace endeavors, the Transylvania County Board of Education (the  
3 “board”) will support high school students who also wish to enroll in classes taught by a college,  
4 university, community college, or other approved entity in accordance with the requirements of  
5 this policy, state law, and State Board of Education policy.

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7 **A. CAREER AND COLLEGE PROMISE**  
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9 The Career and College Promise program is designed to offer qualified high school  
10 students structured dual enrollment opportunities that provide both entry-level job skills  
11 as well as pathways leading to a certificate, diploma, or degree.  
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13 The board, in collaboration with local community colleges, may provide for dual  
14 enrollment of a qualified junior or senior high school student in community college  
15 courses through (1) a Career and Technical Education Pathway leading to a certificate or  
16 diploma aligned with one or more high school Tech Prep Career Clusters or (2) a College  
17 Transfer Pathway leading to a college transfer certificate requiring the successful  
18 completion of 30 semester hours of transfer courses.  
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20 The board may also partner with institutions of higher education to establish cooperative  
21 innovative high school programs that enable a student to concurrently obtain a high  
22 school diploma and (1) begin or complete an associate degree program, (2) master a  
23 certificate or vocational program, or (3) earn up to two years of college credit within five  
24 years. Students are eligible for these programs beginning in ninth grade.  
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26 The superintendent shall develop procedures consistent with this policy, state law, and  
27 State Board policies.  
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29 **B. OTHER COLLEGE COURSES**  
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31 The superintendent shall develop procedures and requirements for awarding high school  
32 credit toward graduation upon request to students who self-enroll in courses taught by a  
33 college, university, community college, or other approved entity. Credit toward  
34 graduation will be granted only for courses that are consistent with the policies and  
35 standards of the school system and State Board requirements, including the requirements  
36 of State Board of Education Policy ~~GCS-MCCRE~~-001, which defines “Course for  
37 Credit.” The principal must approve the course in advance. Prior to granting approval,  
38 the principal shall determine whether the course is eligible for credit toward graduation in  
39 accordance with the procedures and requirements developed by the superintendent.  
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41 The parent or guardian of the student must give permission for the student to take the  
42 course, and the student must complete any forms required by the school system.  
43 Enrollment of a student in a course is the responsibility of the student and the student’s  
44 parent or guardian. Unless otherwise provided, all special fees and charges and any

45 special transportation needs are the responsibility of the student and the student’s parent  
46 or guardian.

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48 For a student to receive credit toward high school graduation, the school at which the  
49 course is offered must provide such essential information as is generally included in  
50 official transcripts of school records. This information must include: (1) a description of  
51 the content and subject matter covered by the course; (2) the number of clock hours of  
52 instruction in the course; and (3) the student’s achievement or performance level in the  
53 course. In addition, a syllabus that includes course goals, course objectives, course  
54 activities, and grade requirements must be provided.

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56 The student also must meet any other requirements established by the superintendent.

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58 Legal References: G.S. 115C art. 16 pt. 9; 115C-36, -47, ~~-81~~; 115D-5(b), -20(4); S.L. 2011-145  
59 sec. 7.1A(a), 7.1A(b), 7.1A(c), 7.1A(k); State Board of Education Policies ~~GCS-L-004, GCS-M-~~  
60 ~~001~~CCRE-001, GRAD-004

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62 Cross References: Curriculum Development (policy 3100)

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