

Credit Recovery Task Force Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2018, 8:00am, MSA Counseling Office

Present:

Emily Graveen, John Gawarecki, Michelle Kurkoski, Joell Pundsack, Noelle Haland (recorder)

1. Credit recovery and MSA's legal obligations
 - a. We need clarification and documentation from MDE & from MSA's legal counsel.
John will get this and share with the committee ASAP.
 - b. Does the school board have the legal right to create a policy that specifies our CR (credit recovery) policy and/or not offer CR options?
 - c. How many CR courses can students take elsewhere and still graduate with an MSA diploma?
 - d. What about the different kinds of diplomas (an MSA diploma versus a "state diploma")?
 - e. There is question of whether MDE says if the title includes the word of the course (eg. Chemistry for Cooks), then we'd need to offer CR graduation credit for it. If this is the case, we must investigate how our course titles might need to change, to become much more specific.
 - f. We should check with MACS and/or our authorizer -- are there any exceptions or differences for charter schools?
2. Credit recovery options for math
 - a. Algebra II is highest level of CR offered by home districts.
 - b. Algebra II taken as summer CR (in home district) would be best usually after 9th grade so students can take MSA's Algebra III in 10th grade.
 - c. We recommend that the math department create suggestions for tutoring & other supplementary options to help CR students transfer back successfully to MSA's Algebra III (in addition to the CR course).
3. Credit recovery options for high school courses that are not sequential
 - a. English, history & science are the disciplines that don't need to be taken sequentially.
 - b. As such, students have more opportunities to repeat failed MSA courses ("second chance" courses). Taking CR courses outside of MSA does not usually become necessary until 12th grade (or sometimes 11th grade). Math & Spanish must be taken sequentially.
4. Policy/procedure to inform MSA community of credit recovery options
 - a. Awaiting legal advice (see #1)
5. Transferring credit recovery courses to MSA transcript -- effect on GPA & transcript?
 - a. Some issues still need to be clarified & decided on within Academic Committee.
 - b. Currently, for an MSA course that is repeated at MSA, the original failed course is listed on the transcript as "NG" ("not graded"). The repeated course grade is listed on the transcript & figured into the GPA. Should this continue this way?
 - c. Currently, there is no grade calculated into the GPA from any courses taken at other districts, whether as transfer credits or CR courses. These courses are listed on the transcript. (Are they listed as being taken at other districts and/or as CR courses?)

- d. PSEO course grades are the only courses taken outside of MSA that ARE incorporated into the MSA GPA (as well as being listed on the transcript).
6. Other discussion
- a. Explore option of in-house CR offerings taught by MSA faculty (like Hmong Academy)
 - b. Progression list (students who will or will not progress to next course) - Joell will create a Google SecureDoc & work with Emily. This must be a dynamic tool.

