

## **Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District**

### *Procedures for Home Schooled Students Enrolling at Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School*

These procedures are intended to provide home schooling parents of high school age students with important information, and specific procedures in the event that a decision is made to enroll the student at Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School (DYRHS).

#### **I. General Procedure for Home Schooling High School Age Students**

##### **A. Parent Responsibilities (For students under 16 years of age)**

1. Parents are required by state law to have a home school plan approved annually by the School District for any child who is under 16 years of age. Plans are submitted to and approved by the Director of Instruction prior to the start of the home schooling program. Program requirements are available on-line and through the Instruction Office.
2. Parents are responsible for maintaining all pertinent records concerning home schooling. Parents should provide documentation of the student's completion and achievement results, consistent with the approved plan, to the Director of Instruction no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> of each school year.

##### **B. District Responsibilities (For students under 16 years of age)**

1. The Director of Instruction will approve the educational plan for all home schooled students.
2. The Director of Instruction, with the assistance of the DYRHS Guidance Department, will annually review the student's progress and achievement in accordance with the approved plan.

##### **C. Parent Requirements (For students 16 years of age and older)**

Parents may, but are not required, to submit a plan to the Director of Instruction for approval once a student has reached 16 years of age.

#### **II. Enrolling a home schooled student at DYRHS**

- A. Should a home schooled student seek to enroll at DYRHS for purposes of earning a Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School diploma, please contact DYRHS for registration information.

##### **B. Grade/Credit**

1. An approved and assessed home schooling plan that includes a curriculum of studies must be on file for every school year regardless of the student's age.
2. As part of the enrolling process, high school credits will be awarded commensurate with all other DYRHS courses. Grading completed as a home school student may reflect a pass/fail credit option.

For letter grades, DYRHS will use these criteria: If the course is from a local community college or comparable institution, all non-developmental courses are weighted as honors credit at DYRHS .

Generally, other course work will be given Level Two weighting. Honors weighting may be given if there is substantiation that the curriculum matches or is consistent with the DYRHS Honors curriculum.

Awarding of DYRHS credits is at the discretion of the DYRHS Principal with the above procedures as a guideline.

3. Upon enrolling in high school, home schooled students will be placed at a grade level depending upon the DYRHS credits awarded. A typical full year course earns 1.5 credits. DYRHS uses the following credit distribution:

5.25 total credits must have been earned to gain sophomore status

12.0 total credits must have been earned to gain junior status

20.25 total credits must have been earning to gain senior status

30.0 total credits are required for graduation

4. Distribution Credits for Graduation are as follows.

<b>DISTRIBUTION CREDITS FOR GRADUATION</b>			
All students must accumulate 30.00 credits which must include the following distribution			
<b>Course</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Majors</b>	<b>Requirements</b>
English Language Arts	6.00	4	English 9, 10, 11, 12
Mathematics	6.00	4	Including Algebra II or its equivalent with Math in Senior Year
Science and Technology/Engineering	4.50	3	lab based
History & Social Science	4.50	3	United States History World History
Health/Physical Education	1.00	4	Health 9 and 10 Physical Education 9, 10, 11, 12
Electives	1.00	5 course equivalent	
Fine and Performing Arts	1.00	1	
Foreign Language	3.00	2	Same foreign language

5. Assessment may involve the following options: home school network courses, portfolios, curriculum-aligned tests, standardized tests, other tests, and summer school courses. DYRHS may require that an assessment, consistent with local course expectations, be taken for credit determination.

All students must pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test in ELA, math, and science in order to be eligible to receive a high school diploma from Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School.