NEW MEXICO
Public Education Department

From Middle School to High School: HB 171 Guidance on Earning High School Credit

Middle School Students Earning High School Credit

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In accordance with HB171 (NMSA Section 22-13-1.1), middle school students may only earn high school credit for the following courses:

- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Health

Reference: Middle school students earning high school credit

Conditions:

These credits may be awarded *only* if the course is taught by an educator who holds a valid New Mexico secondary-level endorsement in the relevant content area.

Clarification for Gifted Students:

While all middle school students, including gifted students, may participate in other high school-level courses for enrichment or acceleration, they **may not** receive high school credit for any courses that are not Algebra I, Geometry, or Health-regardless of content or delivery method.

This guidance ensures consistent application of current statutory requirements throughout the State and must be followed by all districts and charter schools.