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High School Credits for Acceleration in Mathematics

There have been numerous inquiries about what high school credit can be awarded for mathematics courses in grades seven and eight in relation to Regents examinations for Mathematics A (Math A) and Mathematics B (Math B). In the past, students had to pass both the course and the Regents Examination in order to receive high school credit in grades seven or eight.

In keeping with the new Part 100 regulations, the following criteria will be used to determine accelerated high school credits using the new Regents examinations. The credits awarded continue to be a combination of seat time and examinations. Assuming that the student has achieved a passing grade for the course or courses, credits will be awarded when the appropriate Regents examination is passed. In all cases, any state approved alternative assessment for Math A or Math B can be used. The principal may permit individual students with extenuating circumstances, such as illness, to postpone the taking of the Regents examination if they continue in the accelerated program.

Typical Acceleration Starting in Grade 8

Students starting acceleration at the beginning of grade eight who have passed the course and subsequently pass Math A in:

- June or August of their eighth grade will receive 1 high school credit.
- January of their ninth grade will receive 1.5 high school credits, 1 credit from grade eight and 0.5 credit for the high school semester.
- June or August of their ninth grade will receive 1 high school credit, (i.e. no high school credit for grade eight), unless that student also passes Math B by June or August of their tenth grade at which time they will be awarded 3 high school credits, 1 credit for grade eight, 1 credit for grade nine and 1 credit for grade ten.

Acceleration Starting in Grade 7

Students starting acceleration at the beginning of grade seven who have passing grades for the courses taken and subsequently pass Math A in:

- June or August of their seventh grade will receive 1 high school credit.
- January of their eighth grade will receive 1.5 high school credits.
- June or August of their eighth grade will receive 1 high school credit.

Mathematics B Regents Acceleration

As with Math A, high school credit for Math B is determined by a combination of seat time and examination. Like Math A, students cannot obtain more than 1 high school credit for passing the Math

B examination unless they have passed courses taking longer than a year. Students who have passing grades for all courses and passed Math A and Math B by June of grade eight will receive 2 high school credits. Students who have passing grades for all courses and passed Math A in January of grade eight and continue further acceleration in grade eight and subsequently pass

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Math B in June of their ninth grade will receive 3 high school credits, 2 credits for grade seven and eight and the 1 credit for the high school year.

For further information on awarding high school math credit see Briefing Bulletin Number 00-09.