

The education of students best occurs when their opportunities for learning are numerous and varied. To truly prepare students for their post-secondary lives and for life-long learning, those opportunities must address individual needs and interests. Accordingly, Lordsburg Schools accepts coursework and course credit accomplished in various means from multiple sources.

The superintendent is authorized to enter into agreements with external providers of coursework, and to approve the granting of local credit for the coursework provided by organizations other than Lordsburg Schools. Coursework for which local credit is granted shall meet or exceed local and State standards.

#### **ACCREDITED VS. NON-ACCREDITED**

Generally, Lordsburg Schools does not accept coursework and course credits for students transferring from non-accredited schools. The review of individual cases may result in a recommendation for exception by the principal. The superintendent's approval is required in order for the exception to be granted.

#### **CREDIT RECOVERY**

For failed coursework at the secondary level, students may utilize various means of recovering credit. For required courses, the District's schools will generally offer opportunities for credit recovery, whether through regular class retake, summer school, and/or distance learning. The District may charge a fee for summer school and distance learning courses, in order to help defray costs, at the discretion of the superintendent.

Students may use coursework opportunities through external providers of their choosing to recover up to two credits of locally failed required courses. These credits will only be listed on official high school transcripts and count toward graduation requirements if substituting for classes already failed. The student must have the principal's prior approval for enrollment in these courses for credit recovery. All costs associated with credit recovery courses through external providers must be paid by the student involved. These courses must be completed no later than one year from the date final approval for the course is granted by the principal, with the student solely responsible for presenting to the principal notification of successful completion of the course within one year from the date of final approval to take the course.

#### **ADDITIONAL CREDIT**

High school students may elect to enroll in courses, not provided in a traditional classroom or laboratory format, for additional credit. This alternative format coursework includes, but is not limited to, dual-credit courses, correspondence courses, and distance learning courses. These courses may be taken within or outside of the normal school day but must be scheduled to avoid conflicts with the school schedule.

**When Lordsburg Schools initiates the offering of alternative format courses for additional credit, the District bears at least a portion of the costs. Actual cost to participating students is determined by the guidelines of the selected course or program.**

**When the student chooses to enroll in a course for which offering is not initiated by the District, the student shall bear all the costs of the course. The inclusion of the course on the student's transcript and/or the course being counted as credit toward graduation is dependent upon the principal's prior approval of the course meeting the requirement(s).**

### **IMPACT UPON GRADUATION**

**For any particular student, the District will accept a maximum of eight (8) course credits from external providers toward Lordsburg High School graduation requirements, of which no more than four (4) credits may be for required courses. High school credits earned by a student prior to their enrollment at Lordsburg High School shall not be counted against these maximums.**

**All coursework addressing graduation requirements, including those course credits earned through alternative formats and through external providers, must be completed prior to any student participating in graduation ceremonies. If graduation requirements are completed prior to the beginning of a new school year, the student will be considered a member of the most recent graduating class. If graduation requirements are completed after the beginning of a new school year, the student will be considered a member of the next graduating class, and may participate in graduation ceremonies with that class.**