

Pass/Fail Course Options and Guidelines

In order to encourage students to explore areas of interest that might otherwise be avoided, a pass-fail course option is offered. The pass-fail option is not available for advanced placement courses and all required courses.

Pass-fail options generally benefit those students who fear a low grade might affect their rank-in-class, those who are apprehensive about taking a very difficult subject, and those whose fears about grades interfere with their ability to learn.

Pass-fail options available:

- 1) Physical Education.
- 2) One elective course per semester.

Rules and guidelines for the pass-fail option:

- Pass-fail courses are considered as a part of the normal academic class load
- All course prerequisites remain in force
- Parental consent forms are required for any pass-fail course request. No changes will be permitted once the pass-fail option is approved and the course begins
- Students taking a pass-fail option will be subject to the same grading standards as any other student in the class. A student must earn a passing grade in order to receive a "P." The teacher will keep a regular grade record, but will report the Progress Report and semester grades as a "P" or "NC" (no credit)
- Pass-fail subjects will count for credit toward graduation, but will not be used in computing grade point average or rank-in-class
- The student must declare in writing to the teacher the pass-fail course option within the first six weeks of the semester

Students are cautioned to find out in advance if pass-fail courses will be acceptable to the specific college or university they plan to enter.

Pass-fail applications are available from a student's counselor. Counselors should be consulted before a pass-fail request is made.

