

Memorandum



To: The Board of Trustees
From: Kelly Niccolls, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary and Curriculum; Mike Nelson, Director of Assessment and System Performance; Katie Graupman, Curriculum Director; Bryan Kelly, Principal of eSchool; Shannon Gabby, Counselor of eSchool
Date: February 11, 2021
Re: eSchool Credits for High School Students

When eSchool opened this year to provide a 100% virtual learning option for our students, we knew one of the challenges would be how to properly ensure each student received the credits he or she would need to graduate.

Background: We know that each student graduating from LCHS has 16 available credits to earn each year and must graduate with at least 58 credits. We also know that each student graduating from CHS has 12 available credits to earn each year and must graduate with at least 46 credits. This year, our eSchool students only had 10 credits available for them to earn. This would put our eSchool students behind other students if and when they return to their home schools.

School	Credits available per year	Credits Needed to graduate
Coeur d’Alene High School	12 (6/semester)	46
Lake City High School	16 (8/semester)	58
eSchool	10 (5/semester)	N/A

Unless we act, eSchool students would be unable to graduate on time since they were unable to earn enough credits this year to help them keep pace with their grade-level peers. This was never the intent of the eSchool.

Please note that this applies to electives only. eSchool students were able to meet the requirements for all of their primary coursework.

Solution: In order to follow the philosophy of “do no harm” for spending a semester or year in eSchool during the pandemic, Kelly Niccolls, Mike Nelson, Katie Graupman, Bryan Kelly, and Shannon Gabby met to discuss the best and most effective solution for ensuring eSchool students in grades 9-12 will have the credits they need to graduate. **To resolve this issue, students will have a “P” or pass for a “general elective” added to their transcript using the following table:**

Home School	One Semester at eSchool: Number of General Elective Credits Added to the Student Transcript	Two Semesters at eSchool: Number of General Elective Credits Added to the Student Transcript
Coeur d’Alene High School	+1	+2
Lake City High School	+3	+6

This will ensure that when transcripts are pulled for graduation audits, students will not be penalized for not being able to take a full course load from eSchool. The “P” will not be factored into the GPA and will not impact students competing for scholarships or honors designations.

This change in transcript will also be clearly communicated to counselors, home schools, families, and students.