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Dear Parents / Guardians:

You are receiving this letter because your child is taking a high school credit bearing course in middle school. In accordance with Policy 8020: "Any high school course listed in the Middle School Course Catalog which is offered at the middle school is eligible for high school credit and will be treated as an equivalent."

- The student's course grade will be recorded on the high school transcript.
- The student's grade will not be calculated into the high school grade point average.
- If a student re-takes one of the high-school courses that was taken in middle school for which credit was earned:
  - The high school grade(s) will be calculated into the GPA, and
  - Only the first credit will be awarded.
- If a student is receiving a full year of high school world language content within one middle school year, one high school credit will be awarded at the completion of that year. If a student is receiving the course content over two years, the high school credit will be awarded upon completion of the final year.

Please note that any middle school students enrolled in a high school level course who withdraws after the published withdrawal date of **September 30, 2021** will receive a "W" on their high school transcript. A W (Withdrawal) code will be used to indicate that a student withdrew from a course more than the equivalent of four weeks (20 school days) from the start of the course, the date of enrollment for a non-traditional course, and did not transfer into another level of the same course. Courses with W codes will not receive credit and will not be calculated into the cumulative GPA.

Courses\* this policy applies to include:

- ESOL English Language Development 1 & 2
- Math Algebra I, Algebra I GT, Geometry G/T, Algebra II G/T, and AP Statistics
- Technology Education Exploring Computer Science & Foundations of Technology
- World Language Spanish I & II, French I & II, and Chinese I & II (only at MHMS & MVMS)

\* For more information on Middle School Courses please visit the 2021-22 Middle School Course Catalog (<u>https://www.hcpss.org/f/academics/ms-catalog-2021-22.pdf</u>)

Please do not hesitate to call your school counselor should you need assistance.

Sincerely,

Melim Juindel

Melissa Shindel Principal