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Jr. Academy Principal
Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventist

Dear Principal:

RE: Secondary Subjects at the Eighth Grade Level

Several schools have indicated a desire to teach selected secondary courses to those eighth graders that are excelling in their academic journey. This poses a number of problems relating to policies and practices for authorizing and transcribing secondary course credits. However, we have given study to this topic here in our office and want to communicate to you some ground rules that may assist in clarifying our position as well as assist you in planning your program.

1. The only schools authorized to teach secondary subjects are junior academies and K-12 senior academies.
2. The **only secondary course that may be offered** to select 8th grade students is **Algebra I**. Other advanced math courses or selected secondary subjects are not to be offered in grade eight.
3. If Algebra I is offered as a secondary subject for credit, **the instructor must have** an appropriate junior academy or secondary **math endorsement on their teacher certification record**.
4. Where Algebra I is taught to selected 8th graders for secondary credit, the quarterly grade reports are the responsibility of the teacher. The semester grades may be submitted to the conference office where a separate transcript for that one subject can be generated for the student's junior academy records at the end of the school year. **8th graders must pass Algebra I with a C or better to receive secondary credit.**

We encourage teachers to look at a variety of options available for providing a challenging and enriched academic program. Offering actual secondary courses for credit may also create more problems, such as class scheduling and credit transfer for the student if they transfer to an accredited secondary school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us here at the office and we will do our best to assist you. We appreciate your good work and trust that you will have a great school year.

Sincerely,



Gale Crosby
Superintendent of Education