Sharon Springs Central School District Dual Enrollment College Tuition Policy

Purpose

The Sharon Springs Central School District is committed to providing students with opportunities to earn college credit while enrolled in high school through approved dual enrollment programs. This policy establishes the District's financial support for student participation in such programs.

Tuition Assistance

1. The District shall pay the tuition cost for up to six (6) college credits per student, per school year, for approved dual-enrollment courses offered at Sharon Springs Central School through the College in the High School Program. A student who earns a final course grade below 80 may be required to reimburse the District for the tuition paid on the student's behalf. Any reimbursement requirement shall be determined by the Superintendent or designee after considering relevant extenuating circumstances.
2. Six (6) college credits generally equate to two college courses, although the actual number of courses may vary based on the credit value assigned by the partnering institution of higher education.
3. Students who elect to enroll in dual enrollment courses beyond the six (6) college credits funded by the District shall be responsible for any additional tuition and related fees, unless otherwise approved by the Superintendent of Schools.

Senior-Year Graduation Requirement Exception

1. Students enrolled in their senior year shall be eligible for District-paid tuition for approved college-level Composition and Literature courses that satisfy Sharon Springs Central School District graduation requirements.
2. Tuition for these required senior-year Composition and Literature courses shall be paid by the District in addition to the six (6) college credits described above.
3. Credits earned through these required senior-year Composition and Literature courses shall not count toward the annual six (6) credit tuition assistance limit.

Program Eligibility

1. Students must meet all prerequisite requirements established by the partnering college or university and the District.
2. Tuition assistance shall apply only to dual enrollment courses approved by the District and offered through authorized partnerships with institutions of higher education.

Administration

The Superintendent of Schools in collaboration with the school counselor shall be responsible for implementing this policy, communicating annual procedures to students and families, and determining eligibility for tuition assistance under this policy.