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PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY

Equivalency:

Courses taught outside the British Columbia school system that substantially match the curricular competencies of Ministry Authorized or Board Authority Authorized Grade 10, 11 or 12 courses are eligible for credit through equivalency. For example, a student who completes a course in Alberta may receive credit for a comparable course in British Columbia through equivalency.

ASCEND online will award credit through equivalency following the procedures:

For the purpose of determining equivalency, comparison of courses may be based on factors such as the following:

- comparison of learning standards
- comparison of general subject matter
- comparison of depth or breadth of coverage of subject matter
- comparison of assessment methods, instruments, and standards.



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PROCEDURE

To be deemed equivalent, sufficient content should have been covered to enable the student to be successful in further learning in the content area. For a Grade 11 or 12 course, there should be a match of approximately 80 percent or more of learning standards.

In order to receive credits through equivalency, students must provide the appropriate documentation as proof of successful completion of the course. For reporting and transcript purposes, ASCEND online will assign a letter grade and percentage to all credits awarded through equivalency. If the student's documents show only a letter grade or level, ASCEND Online may choose to assign a percentage, based on the mid-point of the matching British Columbia letter grade range. ASCEND Online may use "Transfer Standing" (TS) if it is not possible to determine a letter grade and a percentage from the documentation.

External Credits:

All students enrolled with ASCEND Online are entitled to receive credit if they have earned a Ministry-approved credential. The Ministry of Education of British Columbia has sole authority to review and approve external credentials and assessments. The current list of these approved courses can be found on the Ministry's online Course Registry. There is no limit to the number of credits a student may earn by using external credentials.

Credit restrictions:

There may be credit restrictions between credentials where the external courses or programs are deemed to be equivalent. The current list of these credit restrictions can be found on the Ministry's online Course Registry. Students cannot receive double credit for credentials deemed equivalent.