



CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT GUIDELINES FOR ACCELERATION/ENRICHMENT

Concurrent enrollment means enrollment in any non-Santa Monica High School course during the school year or during the summer by a regularly enrolled Santa Monica High School student. Concurrent enrollment is an alternative means by which students may obtain credit while being simultaneously enrolled at Santa Monica High School and another approved educational program.

Concurrent enrollment options complement, *but do not supplant*, program options at Santa Monica High School. Concurrent enrollment may be approved for “acceleration,” and/or “enrichment” purposes. At Santa Monica High School, we believe that students benefit most from classroom experiences that allow for opportunities to immerse themselves in their subject with peers. Options that do not provide students this experience should be strongly discouraged.

Guidelines

- Students are to take core English courses at Santa Monica High School.
- Only academic grades will be accepted, not a Pass/Credit.
- All classes on the transcript will be added including Fails and Withdraws.
- Students are required to take courses required for graduation and courses offered by Santa Monica High School at Santa Monica High School. Exceptions may be made for the following reasons:
 - A course offered at Santa Monica High School cannot be accommodated within a student’s schedule without displacing a core class or graduation requirement.
 - A course is not offered at Santa Monica High School.
- Students must obtain signed pre-approval for any concurrent enrollment course from their school Advisor.
- Courses that are pre-approved and completed can be added to the student’s Santa Monica High School transcript. It is the **STUDENT’S** responsibility to ensure that Santa Monica High School receives an *official* transcript from the school in which the student took the course(s).
- Santa Monica High School will only accept courses from accredited institutions. Questions regarding an institution’s accreditation status are to be referred to the Advisor.
- All courses will be added to the semester indicated on the official transcript. For incoming 9th graders, courses will not be added prior to Summer semester of their 9th grade year due to enrollment guidelines.
- The following options need to be considered as most appropriate first:
 - 1st SMMUSD Programs
 - 2nd Community College
 - 3rd 4-year Colleges/Universities
 - 4th On line courses*

*On-line course work should be considered as an option of last resort. Be advised, the UC system has established that it will NOT accept any on-line courses in the areas of laboratory sciences or visual and performing arts (VAPA). When we record courses on our transcripts from other schools, we are certifying that the course is comparable to a college preparatory curriculum offered here at Santa Monica High School. We must consider this practice when advising students. When you sign the CONCURRENT form, it implies you have read and reviewed these guidelines.