

**ADDRESSING ENROLLMENT IN AN ADVANCED COURSE OR PROGRAM
AND CHALLENGING CURRICULUM**

The New Milford Board of Education (the “Board”) understands the importance of providing opportunities for students to enroll in an advanced course or program and offering students challenging curriculum in the New Milford Public Schools (the “District”). In accordance with the Board’s Policy Addressing Enrollment in an Advanced Course or Program and Challenging Curriculum, the administration adopts the following regulations:

1. The District will identify students in grades eight and nine who may be eligible to take or enroll in an advanced course or program. Students will be eligible to enroll in advanced courses or programs throughout their high school career.
2. Eligibility for enrollment in an advanced course or program shall be based on the following:
 - Recommendations from teachers, administrators, school counselors or other school personnel.
 - Parent or student requests.
3. In addition to or as part of student success plans required by Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-221a(j), the District will create an academic plan for each student who is identified in grade eight or in any year of high school as eligible for enrollment in an advanced course or program. A student, or the student’s parent or guardian, may decline to implement the provisions of an academic plan created for such student.
4. Such academic plan will be designed to enroll the student in one or more advanced courses or programs and allow the student to earn college credit or result in career readiness.

Legal References:

Connecticut General Statutes § 10-221a

Connecticut General Statutes § 10-221w

Connecticut General Statutes § 10-221x

Connecticut State Department of Education, *District Guidance for Developing an Advanced Course Participation Policy* (April 2022)

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