Note: AS 14.03.073 requires that a school district provide students in grades nine through 12 the opportunity to challenge one or more courses. Districts are to establish an assessment tool and standard to demonstrate mastery of such courses; however, district are not required to establish an assessment tool for every course the district offers to students in mathematics, language arts, science, social studies, and world languages. 4 AAC 06.065 requires that districts develop a written policy regarding the grading or evaluation of successfully challenged courses. A district is to develop standards regarding the degree of mastery necessary to successfully challenge a course.

The School Board recognizes that students have unique and varied backgrounds and may already possess the skills and knowledge covered by a particular course. Students in grades 9 through 12 will be provided the opportunity to challenge approved courses by examination. Course challenges are available for courses offered by the district, in math, language arts, science, social studies and world language. The district will give full credit for a course to a student who successfully challenges the course by demonstrating mastery of the subject.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish an assessment tool and standards for demonstrating course mastery, as well as procedures for course challenges.

Legal Reference:

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14.03.073

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4 AAC 06.065 Challenging courses