

Title 5 – DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
Division 20 – Division of Learning Services
Chapter 100 – Office of Quality Schools

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

5 CSR 20-100.120 Advanced Placement [Dual Credit Course,] and International Baccalaureate Fee Payment Program. The State Board of Education is amending the title, purpose, subsection (1)(B) and subsection (3)(A); deleting section (2) and subsection (3)(B); and renumbering section (3) to section (2).

PURPOSE: This amendment is to make revisions that need to be made because the rule contains language for a state funded program that included Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and dual credit fees that has not been funded for several years. This program will not be revived or funded in the near future.

PURPOSE: The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) [has the responsibility to disburse funds appropriated by the General Assembly for payments to defray a portion of the costs of Advanced Placement (AP) exam fees, Dual Credit Course fees, and International Baccalaureate (IB) fees. The department is also] is authorized to receive a grant award through the Federal Advanced Placement Fee Payment Program and to approve requests for the purpose of defraying the cost of Advanced Placement (AP) exam fees and International Baccalaureate (IB) exam fees for low-income students. This rule establishes the administrative procedures to approve requests for payments to pay a portion of the costs of AP exam fees [Dual Credit Course fees] and IB exam fees for students enrolled in these programs.

(1) Federal Advanced Placement (AP) Fee Payment Program.

(B) Students will be expected to take the AP and/or IB exam on the prescribed dates and in conjunction with the other rules and regulations governing the test administration and must have applied for any other applicable [AP] fee reductions.

[(2) Missouri Fee Payment Program.

(A) For the purpose of payments of AP exam fees, and/or Dual Credit Course fees, and/or International Baccalaureate (IB) fees through the Missouri Fee Payment Program, eligible students must be enrolled in an approved course, plan to take the appropriate exam and have either scored proficient or advanced on the same content area section of the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) test.

(B) Upon disbursement of funds, students will be expected to take the AP and IB exams or complete the Dual Credit Course on the prescribed dates and in conjunction with the other rules and regulations governing the test administration or course requirements and must have applied for any other applicable fee reductions in these respective programs.]

[(3)](2) Applications.

(A) *[The department]* **DESE** shall annually solicit applications which shall be due as of a date and in a form established by *[the department]* **DESE**.

[(B) The department shall establish a systematic process for identification and reporting the names of students eligible for aid to pay a portion of the cost of AP exam fees, and/or Dual Credit Course fees, and/or IB fees; and an evaluation used to determine the effectiveness of the program as a whole and the program's impact upon participating students.]

AUTHORITY: sections 161.092 and 178.430, RSMo 1994. This rule previously filed as 5 CSR 50-200.050. Emergency rule filed June 17, 1998, effective June 28, 1998, terminated July 24, 1998. Original rule filed June 17, 1998, effective Dec. 30, 1998. Moved to 5 CSR 20-100.120, effective Aug. 16, 2011.

PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Attention: David Welch, Director, Gifted Education, PO Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480 or by email at deseapib@dese.mo.gov. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.*