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Notes from Tier Group 1, 11/8/23

1. Courses completed in 8th grade for high school-level credit—situations in which military students earn credit while in middle school
Does your state accept the credit? yes: FL, VA, TX,
VA does an analysis of the credit awarded to determine if credit can be awarded; they also do the same for international students; caution about students who meet graduation requirements and graduate early
CO—this is the number one question right now in CO; local control state, so 17 different policies in Colorado Springs area districts; argument is that there is an advantage for military students because higher performing districts don't allow students to earn credit in MS so military students may get an advantage in GPA
Mary—examine the transcript; if credits are on the transcript, they are awarded credit the receiving district has to award
If student took a course and did not have credit awarded, would the state award credit for it?
What about the end-of-course exam if the course was taken in middle school? In FL, they have to take the course in high school. In MD, they wouldn't have to take the course if they student has taken the course elsewhere and gotten credit for it.
GA—take the EOC when the course is over; the parent gets to decide if the middle school course will count for HS credit; it's the same course, just up to the parent whether they student will need to repeat in high school
WA—also a local control state, so varies greatly.
CO—students aren't required to take the course again, but may have to take additional high school courses
TX—State Board of Education rule requires districts to award credit for courses regardless of grade taken in the student earned credit for an equivalent course
HI—students earn the HS credit, but it won't count in GPA; need to explain that to the parents
FL—also a GPA scale issue

Is there a standard GPA scale across your state? No=CO, WA, NC, TX, MD; Yes=FL

This is very complicated because of the various scenarios.

The importance of having the credit on the student's transcript.

Could MIC3 develop a set of questions for parents to ask at the high school when they PCS so that they know what to ask when they move?

Could we put out guidance that says it's a best practice to transcript the credit (if the state

awards credit)?

That may be complicated because of LEAs and SEAs that don't award credit at middle school. Be clear that it is only in instances when the LEA/SEA has awarded the credit.

If you award credit in MS, it should be reflected.

This situation is complicated and individual and there are no common practices among the members.

2. Does your state have a process for providing progress grades on a student's transcript when they withdraw before the end of the term? No=WA, VA does careful analysis of content covered and then gaps are noted and additional information awarded; MD-it gets worked out between districts; HI-the registrars have ways; GA-report card only (same in TX)

Process for finalizing grades/awarding credits when military family PCSs? (didn't get to this question)

The receiving school should contact the sending school if there aren't final grades.

Many times the schools work it out between themselves. Did student complete enough of the course to earn the credit?

Sometimes an issue that counselors don't have the authority to award the credit locally. Get the SEA involved and they can provide guidance.