Problem of CEP Status for High School Students

**Problem:**
High school students may enroll in UO courses while still enrolled in high school or while being home schooled. These students are non-admissible per current OUS admission policies, and thus are coded as CEP (non-admitted) students. Their credit limit is set at the standard part-time limit of eight credits per term. Some talented high school students would like to enroll in more than eight credits per term. This most often happens when a student wants to enroll in a second-language (five-credit) class and one other (typically four-credit) class. The eight-credit limit is always enforced, however, and a student in this situation cannot enroll in both classes.

**Details:**
High school students may enroll in UO courses while still in high school. Some of these students are enrolling at UO under the DuckLink program, in which the high school counselor recommends the student, and once approved, there is a co-payment agreement between the university, the school district and the student. Some high school students simply find a UO course and register for it as a CEP student. In either case, CEP is currently the only method these high school students have of enrolling in classes at UO. They cannot apply for degree-seeking admission because UO’s admissions requirements state that a student has to have graduated from high school in order to be admitted.

When these high school students are coded as CEP non-admitted students, their credit limit is set per OUS part-time policy at a maximum of eight credits per term. Some talented high school students would like to enroll in more than eight credits per term. This most often happens when a student wants to enroll in a second-language (five-credit) class and one other (typically four-credit) class. It also happens when a student wants to take a science course, such as Chemistry, and a second course. The Chemistry class with the accompanying lab totals six credits; a second four-credit class will not fit within the eight-credit limit.

The great majority of CEP students who want to enroll in more than eight credits do have the opportunity to apply for admission and become degree seeking students (even if undeclared). Once admitted, they can enroll in more than 8 credits per term. High School students, however, cannot apply for admission under current policy and have no recourse but to limit their course load to eight credits.

**Proposed Solution:**
Create a new “pre-baccalaureate” admission process for high school students only. Students would complete and submit a “pre-baccalaureate” application for admission which requires approval from the students’ parents and an official from the student’s high schools. Students admitted under this process would be eligible to register for the standard undergraduate credit limits (18 initial and 21 maximum). Tuition and fees would be assessed at the standard UG rate chart (resident/non-resident as appropriate) with the exception of the Health Fee. Pre-Bac students are not eligible for UO Health Center services.

DuckLink students would be admitted as Pre-Baccalaureate. However, DuckLink students would only be funded for 8 credits. Currently, funds from the Laurel Scholarship fund are used to pay for DuckLink. Students would be required to be in their junior or senior years in high school; students must have exhausted all of their opportunities in high school to participate in DuckLink. Participation in DuckLink requires approval by the school system in addition to the parent and an official from the high school.
This proposal eliminates the need to completely re-do the part-time/CEP policies at UO, which require OUS involvement and approval. The proposal has the added benefit of addressing the seamless education directive in the state, and would also work to enhance relationships between UO and local high school students, hopefully resulting in increased enrollments from local high schools.

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