

5.22 – Concurrent Credit - School Board Policy

A ninth (9th) through twelfth (12th) grade student who completes a college course(s) successfully from an institution approved by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) shall be given credit towards high school grades and graduation at the rate of (1) one school credit for each three (3) semester hours of college credit. Unless approved by the school's principal, **prior to enrolling for the course**, the concurrent credit shall be applied toward the student's graduation requirements as an elective. As permitted by the DESE Rules Governing Grading and Course Credit, a student who takes three (3) semester-hour remedial/developmental education courses, shall receive a half (1/2) credit for a high school career focus elective. The remedial/developmental education course cannot be used to meet core subject area/unit requirements.

Participation in the concurrent high school and college credit program must be documented by a written agreement between:

- The student;
- The student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) if the student is under the age of eighteen (18);
- The District; and
- The publicly supported community college, technical college, four-year college or university, or private institution of higher education the student attends to take the concurrent credit course.

Students are responsible for having the transcript for the concurrent credit course(s) they've taken sent to their school to receive credit for the course(s). Credit for concurrent credit courses will not be given until the transcript is received. Students may not receive credit for the credit for the course(s) they took or the credit may be delayed if the transcripts are not received at all or in a timely manner; this may jeopardize students' eligibility for extracurricular activities or graduation.

Students will retain credit earned through a concurrent credit program which was applied toward a course required for high school graduation from a previously attended, accredited, public school.

Legal Reference: A.C.A. § 6-15-902(c) (2) A.C.A. § 6-16-1201 et seq A.C.A. § 6-18-232

DESE Rules: Governing Grading and Course Credit

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