

COLLEGE
COURSES /
CONCURRENT
ENROLLMENT

No more than three full credits for high school graduation may be earned through concurrent enrollment in college courses. One semester of college coursework is equivalent to one semester of high school coursework. [See EHDD]

College courses that meet or go beyond Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) may count as credit if a grade of 70 or above is earned, but no grade points will be assigned. The grade awarded will appear on the student's transcript.

College courses taken in the PISD/CCCC Concurrent Enrollment Program shall count as credit toward high school graduation and grade points shall be assigned.

Academic (core) courses taken at a college may receive grade points and credit if the level of the coursework is more advanced than any courses offered by the District, i.e., advanced mathematics or foreign language.

CORRESPONDENCE
COURSES

For District students who take correspondence courses from TEA-approved colleges (University of Texas at Austin and Texas Tech), credit will be awarded for a grade of 70 or above but no grade points will be assigned. For students in grades 9-12, no more than two full credits may be earned toward high school graduation through correspondence **and/or off-campus online instruction through Plano ISD eSchool**. The grade awarded will appear on the student's transcript. [See EEJC]

CREDITS
TRANSFERRED
FROM OTHER
ACCREDITED
SCHOOLS

Credits will be awarded for courses recognized by TEA for credit and grade points will be assigned based on the District's policy. [See FDA(LOCAL)]

Students transferring one-third credit from a trimester system will receive one-half credit on a District transcript.

Students transferring one-fourth credit courses will have one-half credit assigned after combining two similar one-fourth credit courses in the same subject area.

SUMMER
PROGRAMS
ABROAD

No credit or grade points will be assigned for summer abroad courses such as People To People or Rotary Club programs.

SUMMER
PROGRAMS AT
COLLEGES

Students who take summer courses on a college campus, for high school credit (not for concurrent credit), obtain preapproval from their principal and/or subject coordinator, and who pass the competency test with a 70 or above in that subject area, will receive high school credit. The grade recorded will be the score on the competency exam. Grade points will be assigned. Credit falls under the credit by examination regulations; for example, Duke Gifted and Talented Program for middle school students in mathematics - Algebra I credit; and University of North Texas Gifted and Talented Program for eighth graders in mathematics - Algebra I credit. [See EEJB]

CREDIT BY
EXAMINATION

Students taking summer programs for high school credit at colleges or universities who enter District schools from a homeschool or from a school not accredited by TEA, or who enter the District in a foreign exchange program, must pass competency exams in subject areas to receive credit. The grade recorded shall be the competency test score. The grade awarded shall appear on the student's transcript. [See FDA(LOCAL)]

HIGH SCHOOL
COURSEWORK
TAKEN IN MIDDLE
SCHOOL

Students who have completed high school coursework in middle school, and have that coursework documented on a high school transcript, shall receive high school graduation credit and grade points for that coursework. Typical examples of such coursework taken in middle school are Spanish I, French I, Honors Algebra I, and Honors Geometry. Any other transcribed high school coursework taken in middle school shall be treated in the same manner.

Students new to the District who have completed high school coursework in middle school, but who have not received high school credit documented on a high school transcript, may:

1. Retake the course for credit, or
2. Take the competency exam and pass with a 70 or above to earn credit.

The grade recorded shall be the competency test score.

PLANO ISD
eSCHOOL
ONLINE
INSTRUCTION

Credit shall be awarded as for any District course, but no grade points will be awarded.

PROGRAM 6 / SPECIAL PROGRAMS GRADES	Grade points and credit shall be awarded as for any District course.
NIGHT SCHOOL AND SUMMER SCHOOL	Grade points and credit shall be awarded as for any District course.
INTERNATIONAL TRANSCRIPTS (INTEGRATED STUDIES)	English taken in foreign countries (not American schools overseas) must count as English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and ESOL II. Students must take English III and English IV to satisfy graduation requirements.
EVALUATION OF CREDITS PER YEAR	As determined by the District, credit shall be awarded based on the number of hours spent in each course (55 hours = 1 semester, 110 hours = 1 year). Grade points will be awarded.
LATE-ENTRY STUDENTS	A student must receive a minimum of 55 hours of instruction in any course to be eligible to receive credit each semester.
COURSES TAUGHT OUTSIDE REGULAR SCHOOL DAY	In order to receive credit and grade points, a student must be enrolled during the regular school day in courses for which credit and grade points are awarded. In order to receive credit for an honors course, a student must register for an honors course at the beginning of the year/semester. Students may not receive honors credit by "contract" or "option," for example: theatre, academic decathlon, band, choir, orchestra, speech, debate, oral interpretation, and health care science.
SHELTERED CLASSES	A student enrolled in sheltered classes must also be enrolled in one hour of ESOL.

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This online presentation of your district's policy is an electronic representation of TASB's record of the district's currently adopted policy manual. It does not reflect updating activities in progress. The official, authoritative manual is available for inspection in the office of the Superintendent. [See BF (LOCAL) for further information.]