

5.22—CONCURRENT CREDIT

A ninth (9th) through twelfth (12th) grade student who successfully completes a college course(s) from an institution approved by the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary shall be given credit toward high school grades and graduation at the rate of one (1) high school credit for each three (3) semester hours of college credit. Principal approval, prior to enrollment in the college course, is required for concurrent credit to be designated as credit for a mandatory course offering. All other concurrent credit shall be applied toward the student's graduation requirements as elective credit.

As permitted by the DESE Rules Governing Concurrent College and High School Credit, a student who takes a three (3) semester hour remedial/developmental education course shall receive a one-half (1/2) credit for a high school career focus elective. The remedial/developmental education course cannot be used to meet the core subject area/unit requirements in English and mathematics.

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 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 in order to receive credit for the course(s). Credit for concurrent credit courses will not be given until a transcript is received. Students may not receive 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, graduation, and student classification.

A student taking a concurrent credit class in conjunction with a Benton High School Advanced Placement (AP) class will be awarded the AP credit only by Benton High School. The grade in the AP class will be weighted on their Benton High School grade point average only if the student successfully completes the AP class and takes AP Exam for the course. Concurrent credit will be awarded by the post-secondary institution only; however, the grade awarded by the post-secondary institution will not be weighted. Students will be allowed to drop the concurrent credit through the post-secondary institution, per the post-secondary institutions policy; however, a student may not drop the Advanced Placement class.

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

A student eligible to receive free or reduced price meals shall not be responsible for any of the costs for the student's first six (6) concurrent credit hours so long as the concurrent credit courses are taught on the District grounds and by a teacher employed by the District. Any and all costs of concurrent credit courses beyond the six (6) hours permitted, that are not taught on the District's campus, or are not taught by a teacher employed by the District are the responsibility of the student. Students who are not eligible to receive free or reduced price meals are responsible for any and all costs associated with concurrent credit courses.

Legal Reference: A.C.A. § 6-15-902(c)(2)
A.C.A. § 6-16-1201 et seq.
A.C.A. § 6-18-232 Arkansas Division of Education and Secondary Education Rules
and Regulations: Concurrent College and High School Credit for Students Who Have
Completed the Eighth Grade

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