

District Credit For Transfers From Private Schools Home Tutoring

The district shall grant credit for students grades 9 through 12 transferring from private schools, home tutoring, and for certified correspondence courses under the following conditions:

1. Private Schools--Accredited

A transcript must be submitted for all courses and grades received. Credit will be given for courses which correspond to district courses of study or curricula. Units and grades transferred from an accredited private school will count toward high school grade point average and may be used to meet college/university entrance requirements. A maximum of ten units of credit will be awarded per appropriate course.

2. Private Schools--Non-accredited

A transcript must be submitted for all courses completed at the private school. Credit will be awarded for those courses which correspond to courses of study and curricula of the district. Credit toward graduation will be awarded on a pass/fail basis and will not be counted toward the grade point average. Criterion referenced tests, district tests, or other methods of performance-based assessment (e.g., portfolios, projects, or demonstration) shall be administered under the supervision of the school and utilized to determine credit. The district will not certify courses taken prior to admittance to the district as meeting college/university entrance requirements. A student entering from a non-accredited private school may elect to challenge courses as provided in district Policy 6155. If the challenge is successful, the grade earned will be entered on the student transcript and will count toward the grade point average and college/university entrance requirements where applicable. A maximum of ten units will be awarded for any appropriate course.

3. Home Tutoring

For students entering Fresno Unified School District from home tutoring, a parent/guardian conference will be scheduled with the student's counselor to make preliminary assessment of the home instruction. The parent or guardian must provide in writing a description of all courses completed. Criterion referenced tests, district tests, or other methods of performance-based assessment (e.g., portfolios, project, or demonstration) shall be used to assign credit for courses completed in home tutoring. A pass or fail grade will be given for any course which the student demonstrates competency. A maximum of ten credits will be awarded for any course. Units earned under home tutoring may not be certified by the district as meeting college/university entrance requirements. Students may elect to challenge any district course as outlined in district Policy 6155. Upon a successful challenge of a course, the student will receive a letter grade and units as appropriate. Courses which have been successfully challenged will count toward the grade point average and may be used to meet college/university entrance requirements.

4. University, Private School Credit, and accredited correspondence Course Credit for Regularly Enrolled Students

High school students regularly enrolled in district schools may receive credit toward high school graduation from universities, private schools or through a certified correspondence course under

the following conditions. Prior approval from the district must be obtained from the school. The request must be submitted on the district's Request for Credit for Private Instruction Form. The subject matter must correspond to course of study and curricula of the district. Verification of completion of course work must be received from the school or certified correspondence courses granting credit. Letter grades earned at a private accredited school or university will be recorded on the district transcript. For course work completed at a non-accredited school, the student shall demonstrate competency in the subject matter by examination or other means of performance-based assessment (e.g., demonstration, portfolio, or project). Private instruction course grades from non-accredited schools or certified correspondence courses will be recorded as either a pass or fail grade.

5. Credit for Foreign Exchange Programs/District Students

District students may receive credit for course work taken abroad provided prior approval is obtained from the school. The subject matter must correspond to courses of study currently in the district. Course work completed at those schools on the approved California Interscholastic Foundation Exchange Program list will be awarded credit upon verification of course work completed. District graduation requirements which cannot be completed abroad must be completed either through independent study or summer school prior to receipt of a diploma. For course work completed abroad in non-approved foreign programs, verification of completed course work must be provided, and the student will demonstrate proficiency by examination or other means of performance-based assessment (e.g., demonstration, portfolio, or projects).

6. Foreign Exchange Students Attending District Schools

Foreign exchange students attending district schools may receive credit toward high school graduation providing students furnish a transcript of course work taken abroad. Credit will be given for course work which corresponds to courses of study currently in the district. A maximum of ten units of credit will be awarded for any approved course. Foreign exchange students on an I-20 visa and who have not met all district graduation requirements, but who are classified as seniors in good standing, may participate in graduation ceremonies and receive a certificate of recognition.

Legal Reference:

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5, Division 3, Chapter 7

1600-1633 Measurement of credit toward graduation from grade 12

EDUCATION CODE, Article 3--STUDENTS EXEMPT

48220 Classes of Children Exempted

48222 Attendance in Private School

48224 Instruction by Tutor

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