

Credit Flexibility Policy Buckeye Central High School Proposal

1. Options for Earning High School Credit

- a. High School students in grades 9-12 may earn high school credit using any combination of the following methods:
 - i. Successfully completing traditional high school level courses.
 - ii. Successfully completing an educational option as outlined in #2 below.
 - iii. Successfully completing a college-level course for dual credit or Post Secondary Educational Option.
 - iv. Successfully completing an online course or correspondence course by a provider approved by the high school principal.
 - v. Successfully completing an examination and providing a portfolio of work that demonstrates mastery of academic content standards.
- b. The district shall not limit the number of credits earned by a student through #5 from above.
- c. The district shall evaluate all requests for early graduation and require that all students along with their parents, guardian or themselves if 18 years of age or older, apply for early graduation.

2. Educational Options

- a. Responsibilities and Expectations
 - i. Educational options for students participating in extracurricular activities governed by the Ohio High School Athletic Association shall include procedures for documenting ongoing participation and satisfactory progress on the part of the student for the purpose of satisfying academic eligibility requirements established by the OHSAA bylaws.
 - ii. The district reserves the right to reassign a student participating in an educational option to a traditional course at the discretion if the student fails to meet the standards for ongoing participation and satisfactory progress described in his or her educational options plan.
 - iii. Educational options may include activities outside of the school. Parents of students proposing educational options are required to sign a waiver holding

the school harmless for any injuries or damages that occur in the course of the student's participation.

- b. Students may appeal decisions regarding grades regarding the educational option. The appeal committee will consist of the principal, guidance counselor and a staff member.
 - i. Appeals must be made within 10 days of the grades being administered.
 - ii. The committee has final say in the appeal unless overturned by the superintendent.

3. Credit by Demonstration of Mastery

- a. The district shall allow students the opportunity to earn credit by demonstrating mastery of the academic content standards covered by any course offered by the district and shall award credit equal to the traditional course.
- b. Students may demonstrate mastery by completing comprehensive exams at regular intervals during the year and by presenting a portfolio of work demonstrating mastery of the content.
 - i. Testing shall include a set of four comprehensive exams, of which one is a final exam. The others shall consist of a semester exam and two quarterly exams.
 - ii. The portfolio shall consist of a project or a body of work to exhibit knowledge of the content standards and shall be scored based on a rubric.
 - iii. A letter grade will be assigned to the student for the coursework completed.
- c. All students who desire to use the mastery option for credit must apply for this option prior to the beginning of the school year.
- d. Application must include a proposal for the portfolio portion of the program.

4. Fees

- a. No assessment of fees shall be charged to students outside the regular fees associated with the class for a student taking the mastery option for credit.
- b. Students applying for and acceptance of a non-traditional program for options will incur all expenses associated with the coursework.

5. Communication of the Educational Options Program

- a. The district will hold annual meetings in conjunction with the PSEO program.
- b. A statement of fact will be included in the Program of Studies outlining the details of the program.
- c. All high school students when registering for classes will have the program described to students at the time of course sign up.

Proposal for Flex Credit Class

Name- _____

Grade- _____

Parents- _____

Class- _____

Why do you want to take this course as a flex credit class?-

Work required to complete class and deadlines for completion-

Testing Requirements and dates of testing-

Materials required and costs if any-_____

Waiver Statement- By signing this form you are holding the school harmless for any injuries or damages that occur in the course of the student's participation.

Signed - _____ Student
_____ Parent(s)
_____ Teacher
_____ Guidance Counselor
_____ Principal
_____ Date of Proposal
_____ Date of Completion