

Descriptor Term: CREDIT RECOVERY

Descriptor Code: IHAC

Rescinds:

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It will be the policy of the Gulfport School District that a student may recover credits not received via satisfactory course completion via the district's online computer assisted instruction program. Students may begin the program in the ninth grade or via the middle school transition program held at the alternative school.

The purpose of credit recovery is to permit those students in grades 8 through 12 enrolled at Gulfport High School, The Learning Center, or TLC: Drop-Out Prevention Center who are significantly behind in their accumulation of credits the opportunity to recover credits through online instruction.

Definition:

Credit recovery is defined as the successful completion of coursework not completed the previous semester, for which the student received an "incomplete", offered through online instruction over the Internet. Classes will be scheduled through each participant's assigned counselor and teacher after written permission for credit recovery has been obtained from the school principal.

Credit recovery is further defined as a course-specific, skill-based learning opportunity for students who have previously been unsuccessful in mastering content/skills required to receive course credit or earn promotion.

The Mississippi Virtual Public School Program and local web-based course recovery program are web-based educational programs that deliver instruction to students via the Internet in a classroom setting.

School Accountability:

Middle and high school administration will be responsible for the academic progress of their students, including, but not limited to, enrollment, awarding of credit and monitoring progress.

The State Board of Education and District Instructional Programs Director shall have approval authority for all online coursework. All offerings must meet MS Public School Accountability Standards.

All testing associated with online instruction will be conducted in the presence of the student's assigned instructor as designated by the school principal. Credit recovery, at the discretion of the administration, may be available during summer school.

Program Scope:

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- Meet the educational needs of children in the district as outlined in their individual individualized Student Plan (ISP);
- Close the achievement gap between high-performing and at-risk students;
- Provide a broader range of educational options to students and parents by utilizing technology with a goal of improving student achievement and reducing the drop-out rate in the Gulfport School District; and

Guiding Principles:

- Credits for course work will be granted by the principal of the school or a designee
- Course content will be delivered via computer-based instruction coupled with small group and one-on-one instruction by a highly qualified teacher in the content area in question.
- All decisions will be guided by focusing on what is best for the students.
- The academic calendar will be coordinated with the district's calendar.
- Online courses will be completed at the child's own pace within the instructional time allotted for the course.
- MVPS courses will primarily be taught by Mississippi teachers licensed in the subject area and proficient in web-based course delivery.
- Course selection will involve teacher, student, parent, and counselor input and will be aligned to Mississippi College and Career Readiness Standards and Mississippi Curriculum Frameworks.
- The quality and assessment for online courses must equal or exceed that for traditional courses.
- A needs assessment process will determine the continuation of the program.

Entry Criteria:

Students must be enrolled in the Gulfport School District and meet the criteria listed below. More than one course may be taken during the school year.

- The student must obtain a failing score as a final grade.
- A student must be recommended for the program by a teacher or counselor.
- The student and parent must agree in writing to participate.
- Middle school students must be recommended for participation by a teacher and administrator.
- Participating students must agree to complete all assigned lessons and modules.
- Participating students must attend the course for the specified amount of time.
- Participating students must maintain appropriate school behavior and be prepared to learn.
- A student may not remain in a credit recovery course for more than one school year.

Grading Procedures:

- Students successfully completing all requirements will receive a passing grade.

Payment:

Charges may apply. Refunds are not permitted once the student begins online instruction.