



CREDIT BY CHOICE PROGRAM

Program No. 7 – Middle School & Immersion Credit

DESCRIPTION:

Middle school students (6th-8th grades) who take certain high school courses are eligible to receive high school credit in accordance with ASD's Credit by Choice program. These include specific math, world language, and K-8 immersion courses, as described in detail below.

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

The Credit by Choice (CBC) Program is designed to give students the opportunity to choose enriching learning experiences tailored to their personal educational needs and to have them recorded on their high school transcript. This program is open to high school students currently enrolled in the Anchorage School District.

- While the Curriculum Assistant Principal and Counselors can respond to questions, it is the responsibility of the student to work independently to complete the application and carry out a program according to these prescribed guidelines.
- Students proposing a CBC Program must have prior written approval of their parents and the Principal.
- A certificated staff person must sponsor and/or supervise the student's program.
- ASD is the accrediting institution and sets standards for issuing credit. ASD is not the sponsoring agency for off-campus programs and is not responsible for the student's personal or financial liability. Program expense is the responsibility of the individual.
- CBC courses will be titled as such on the student's transcript, as described in each program's details.
- CBC courses recorded upon program completion cannot be included for calculating eligibility for full-time student status for the purposes of enrollment and/or Alaska School Activities Association eligibility.
- The grade received will be incorporated into the student's high school grade point average (GPA) and counted to determine class rank and valedictorian. When computing valedictorian status, the ratio of weighted advanced placement to regular graded classes is significant.
- **Once entered on a high school transcript, grades will not be removed from this legal document.**

DETAILS:

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH:

- Each course must be equivalent in curricular content to an Anchorage School District high school course. Equivalent math courses currently approved are Algebra I and higher.
- Students may apply to have approved math courses added to their high school transcript any time **after** their 9th grade year.
- The grade received will be incorporated into the student's high school GPA and will be counted to determine class rank. It is important that students consider this carefully, as the impact to weighted averages may be significant. It is advised that students wait until senior year to decide if this CBC option serves their end goals.
- Correspondence or non-ASD courses must be preapproved through the CBC process.
- Upon approval, the credit and grade will be added onto the transcript to the 1st semester of the 9th grade year. The 2nd quarter mark will be considered 1st semester and the 4th quarter mark will be considered the 2nd semester.
- This CBC course will be titled as such on the student's transcript (e.g., CBC: _____).

MIDDLE SCHOOL WORLD LANGUAGE: Research indicates that the study of another language is most effectively accomplished if it begins at an early age, is sequential, and continues to a long term without interruption. To encourage more students to begin language study in the middle school and continue into Level II as ninth graders, the Anchorage School District offers a World Language Incentive CBC option. The World Language Incentive Credit is an opportunity for students who have studied two years of a language at the middle school (courses 1A and 1B) to earn one graded elective credit.

- Students must meet the following requirements in order to receive the World Languages Incentive Credit:
 - Enroll in Level II (same language as in middle school) in high school
 - Complete both semesters of Level II with a "C" or higher.
 - Request that the incentive credit be added to their high school transcript in accordance with the ASD Credit by Choice Program.
- World Language Incentive Credit is one graded credit. The student's 4th quarter grade from 8th grade is added to the high school transcript any time after the 9th grade year and following their successful completion of the Level II course in the same language.

IMMERSION INCENTIVE CREDIT: Although ASD immersion programs are designed as a K-12 continuum with both a middle and high school continuation strand, the district also recognizes that students may have other interests as they enter high school and may choose to no longer pursue the study of their immersion language. The Immersion Incentive Credit allows students who have completed an immersion program through the end of their 8th grade year to bring up one credit through the Credit by Choice option, documenting their K-8 immersion experience on their high school transcript. Immersion students may still apply for this credit even if they remain the immersion program throughout high school.

- The Immersion Incentive Credit is one graded credit. The student's 4th quarter grade from the 8th grade immersion language course is added to the high school transcript any time after the 9th grade year. The graded credit will affect the student's overall GPA and class rank.

To apply for middle school math/world language or immersion credit, complete the application (next page).

CBC PROGRAM No. 7 – MIDDLE SCHOOL & IMMERSION CREDIT APPLICATION

Read the Credit by Choice Program No. 7 description, guidelines, and details before application.

NAME _____ ID # _____
CURRENT GRADE ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 (student must be at least a sophomore in high school)

I am applying for credit for:

☐ MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH

MATH COURSE TITLE _____ YEAR COURSE WAS TAKEN _____

NAME OF MIDDLE SCHOOL _____

COMPLETED BY COUNSELOR: Verification of grade(s) earned → ☐ Semester 1 (2nd quarter) ☐ Semester 2 (4th quarter)

☐ MIDDLE SCHOOL WORLD LANGUAGE

LANGUAGE _____ YEAR COURSE WAS TAKEN _____

NAME OF MIDDLE SCHOOL _____

COMPLETED BY COUNSELOR:
▪ Verification of completion of Level II (both semesters) in high school → ☐ FINAL GRADE Semester 1 ☐ FINAL GRADE Semester 2
▪ Grade to be added to high school transcript → ☐ FINAL GRADE 8th Grade 4th quarter

☐ IMMERSION

LANGUAGE _____ YEARS ENROLLED IN IMMERSION _____

NAME OF MIDDLE SCHOOL _____

COMPLETED BY COUNSELOR:
▪ Grade to be added to high school transcript → ☐ FINAL GRADE 8th Grade 4th quarter

We have read and understand the above information regarding this Credit by Choice program. My signature acknowledges my request for this coursework to be placed on the student’s high school transcript and my acknowledgment of the statements above:

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

..... *Take this completed form to your counselor.*

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 COUNSELOR SIGNATURE _____
PRINCIPAL APPROVAL _____ DATE _____

NOTE TO REGISTRAR: The credit may not be requested until after the 9th grade year. Approved credit and grade will be recorded on the 1st semester of the 9th grade year.