West High Newsletter

a note from your Counseling department

Have you heard about Credit By Choice (CBC)?

Credit By Choice allows you to earn high school credit for educational experiences completed outside your regular schedule at West.

Examples include:

- **World Language:** Did you take a world language in 7th or 8th grade? You may be able to earn credit for that course.
- **Math:** Took **Algebra** and/or **Geometry** in middle school? If you're not planning to take math all four years of high school, you can apply those credits toward graduation.
- **Physical Education:** Participate in a sport outside of school with a certified coach? You can earn **P.E. credit** for your participation!
- **College Courses:** Planning to take a **college-level class** outside of West? You can receive high school credit for that, too.

And that's not all — there are many other ways to earn credit through CBC!

General Guidelines *(Taken from 2025-26 ASD Program of Studies)*

1. Students proposing a Credit by Choice (CBC) Program must have prior written approval of their parents and the principal.

2. A certificated staff person must sponsor and/or supervise the student's program.

3. ASD is the accrediting institution and sets standards for issuing credits/waivers. ASD in 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.

4. CBC courses will be titled as such on the student's transcript. Programs 1, (Educational Travel), 6 (Community Service/Field Study), and 10 (Participation in Extracurricular Fine Arts Programs and Clubs) may only be taken for elective credit. Specific area credit will be recorded for Programs 2 (Correspondence Course), 3 (College Course Work), 4 (Early College Admissions Program), and 5 (Credit by Examination). Credit by Examination may not be done for Physical Education credit.

5. 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.

6. The grade received will be incorporated into the student's high school grade point average (GPA) and will be counted to determine class rank and valedictorian. When computing valedictorian status, the ratio of weighted advanced placement to regular graded classes is significant.

List of CBC Programs:

Program No. 1	Educational Travel
Program No.2	Correspondence Course
Program No. 3	College Course Work
Program No. 4	Early College Admissions Program
Program No. 5	Credit by Examination (Course Challenge)
Program No. 6	Community Service and Field Study *Fishing Work
Program No. 7	High School Credit for Middle School Courses Math, World Language, Immersion Incentive Credit
Program No. 8	Basic Training Credit
Program No. 9	Physical Education Credit
Program No. 10	Participation in Extracurricular Fine Arts Programs and Clubs

Disclaimer:

Prior to requesting inclusion of Credit by Choice grades, including high school credit for courses taken during middle school, consider the effect these non-weighted grades will have on class rank.

More information can be found at the link below or follow up with your counselor:

https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1755295275/asdk12org/bpojqrkhjjjgwkbt7wcn/2025-26-HS-POS_Accessible.pdf