

Credit by Demonstrated Mastery (CDM)
Student and Family Application 2026-27 School Year



Public Schools of North Carolina
State Board of Education
Department of Public Instruction

Complete this form and return to your school principal or mail/email by December 15, 2025, to:

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STUDENT INFORMATION		
Name:		Birthdate:
School:	Current Grade Level:	Student ID:
Parent/Guardian Name:	Email:	Phone
Date of CDM Request:		

CREDIT BY DEMONSTRATED MASTERY APPLICATION
Instead of traditional course enrollment and seat-time, I am requesting the opportunity to earn Credit for Demonstrated Mastery (CDM) for the following course in the 2025-2026 school year: _____ (course name or subject). • Please complete a separate form for each subject if you are applying in multiple areas.

STUDENT/FAMILY AGREEMENT
Please review the following regarding the CDM process: • I understand this assessment will include a multi-phase assessment with Phase 1 and Phase 2, which must be conducted face-to-face. • Phase 1 will include an examination to establish my mastery of the foundational skills and content this course/subject requires. ○ I must earn a minimum of 90% (grade A) accuracy on the local exam or NCFE to continue with the CDM process or a Level V “superior” scale score on the appropriate state assessment, EOC.

- I have one attempt at the exam.
- Prior to the exam, I may review the content standards for the course or subject area that I am seeking to demonstrate mastery in <http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/curriculum/>
- If I earn the appropriate score, I will move on to Phase 2. If not, I will not have the opportunity to earn CDM for this course.
- In Phase 2, I will participate in an assessment that reflects a deep understanding of the content standards, including the ability to apply the skills and knowledge expected at the end of the course.
 - The school may require an artifact such as a presentation, project, or interview as evidence of my abilities.
- The CDM Review Panel will make a recommendation on whether I can earn CDM. If I am successful, I will earn a “Pass” on my transcript toward graduation. No grade or quality points will be granted, and the “Pass” will not be included in my GPA.
- I understand that asking for guidance from a DCS teacher who teaches this course creates a conflict of interest. I will not contact teachers and request instructional materials other than the NC Standard Course of Study.
- I understand that I will meet with a CDM Panel member (s) to discuss the process and long-term implications.
- My parents and I will be allowed to file for grievance if we do not agree with the decision of the team.

I understand all of the above and agree to abide by the process defined above.

Student Signature:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

If you are applying for multiple courses, please complete a form for each course.

For Office Use Only:	Date Received:
Conference Date:	Other:
In Attendance:	