

Credit by Demonstrated Mastery (CDM)

Credit by Demonstrated Mastery (CDM) provides high school students with an acceleration option which allows a student to earn course credit by demonstrating a deep understanding of the content without a classroom, seat time learning experience. In Harnett County Schools, the student must apply for CDM. The [Student and Family Application for CDM](#) includes an Agreement of Understanding (signed by student, parent, and school official) which explains in detail the steps to qualifying for course credit as well as how course credit will, or will not, be awarded.

There are two phases of the CDM process.

Phase 1 requires the student to take an assessment to establish mastery of the foundation skills and content of the subject. The student has only one attempt to pass the assessment with a minimum score of 94% on a CTE exam, an EOC exam, a NC Final Exam, or a local exam to continue with the CDM process. Not meeting the score requirement means the student will not move to Phase 2.

Phase 2 requires the student to create an artifact which reflects not only a deep understanding of the content standards, but also demonstrates the student can apply the skills and knowledge expected at the end of the course. A CDM Review Panel will make a recommendation to Pass or Fail and whether one credit towards graduation can be earned by the student. An appeal can be made to the panel if the student or parent does not agree with the decision.

For more information, contact your school's Guidance Department or the AIG Lead Teacher for the school.