

Credit by Examination

(Prior Instruction) Credit by Exam is designed as an option to earn credit for those students who have attended a class at least 55 hours (11 weeks) and received a semester average no lower than a 60. The decision to allow a student to earn credit by exam must be made by the attendance committee when failure of the course resulted from excessive absences. (Policy EEJA). The exam is taken through either Texas Tech or UT Austin correspondence school. Applications can be obtained and approved in the counseling office. Grades will be recorded on the student's transcript, computed in the credits toward graduation, but not in the student's grade point average and rank in class. Fees are established by the universities. No more than two (2) credits may be earned by this method. Credits will not satisfy extracurricular eligibility.

Credit by Examination

(Exams for Acceleration with No Prior Instruction) Students who provide evidence of proficiency in a subject area may take a CBE for acceleration. A score of 90% is required for credit per Senate Bill 1. The district will publish dates for a fall administration and a summer administration of exams for acceleration. See your counselor for criteria to take these exams.

Venture School

Venture School is an alternative educational program designed to meet the academic needs of students who have dropped out of school and/or those students who are at risk of dropping out and meet the state and district selection criteria. Students must complete an application to be considered for attendance in this program. Applications are available at Venture School and all high schools.

Evening School Program

The Evening School Program is part of Venture School. Students may enroll in 2 courses (.5 credit each) at a time. Classes are held from 5:00-7:00 P.M. and 7:00-9:00 P.M., Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Students should anticipate spending 80 hours to complete each .5 credit. A registration form obtained from the student's high school counselor listing the courses he/she plans to take is required for enrollment. Tuition is charged and a textbook deposit is required. The Evening School Program offers students an opportunity to make up subject(s) failed, or to accelerate the accumulation of graduation credits.

Summer School

The primary purpose of summer school is to offer the student an opportunity to strengthen any weakness that may exist, to make up subject(s) failed, or to accelerate the accumulation of graduation credits. Recognizing the particular need for some students to graduate at an earlier date, senior level courses will be offered, based on adequate student requests.

Summer school is a highly intensified program in which one day equates to almost one week in the long term. The required hours of attendance are mandated by the Texas Education agency.

All phases of the summer school work comply with Texas Education Agency regulations. The courses and programs meet the same standards as the regular term.

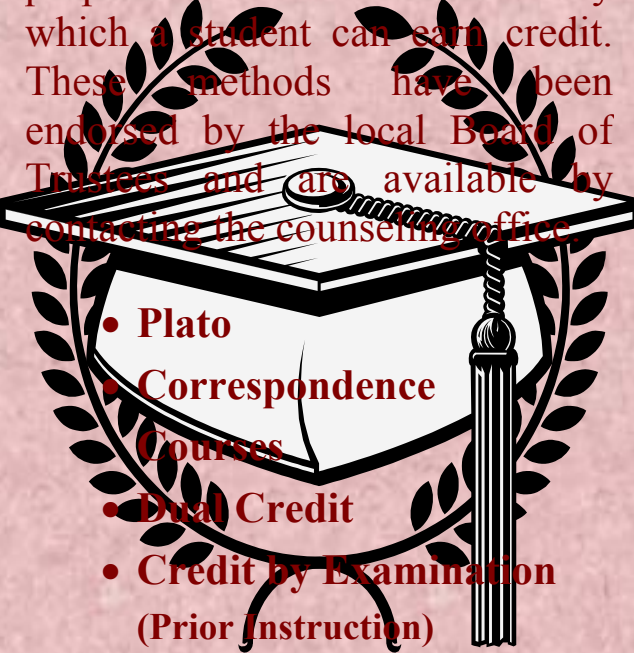
Courses and programs offered are based on the demand by the students, and a list of offerings is made available each spring prior to registration. This information will be provided through the school counselor.

ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF EARNING HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT



Alternative Methods of Earning High School Credit

The State Board of Education has proposed different methods by which a student can earn credit. These methods have been endorsed by the local Board of Trustees and are available by contacting the counseling office.

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- Plato
 - Correspondence Courses
 - Dual Credit
 - Credit by Examination (Prior Instruction)
 - Credit by Examination (No Prior Instruction, Exams for Acceleration)
 - Venture School
 - Evening School
 - Summer School

Plato

Plato is an on-line computer-based education network that provides a comprehensive course offering for students in grades 7-12. It integrates the power of individualized, computer-based instruction with the flexibility of on-line delivery. The Plato program is designed to provide remediation, course recovery, and credit recovery.

Plato meets the standards set by the state of Texas in TEKS. Credit recovery through Plato may be used in lieu of credit by examination, summer school, evening school or correspondence courses.

Courses offered through Plato include the following:

- English 7, 8, I, II, III, IV
 - Math 7, 8, Pre-Algebra
 - Algebra I, II, Geometry, Math Models
 - Texas History, U.S. History 8th and 11th, World History, World Geography, U.S. Government, Economics
 - Science I, Science II, Introduction to Physics and Chemistry, Biology, *Chemistry
 - Health
 - Speech
- *Check with the Plato lab manager on the campus to verify online lab lesson availability for this course.

Remediation

It is the goal of the remediation program to provide the educational foundation that students need to be academically successful. The teacher, in cooperation with the Plato lab manager, may assign students to the lab during the class period or at a mutually agreed upon time.

Course Recovery

It is the goal of the course recovery program to prevent the loss of credit. The teacher, in cooperation with the Plato lab manager, may assign a student to the Plato lab for course recovery of six weeks grades. Students may be assigned to the lab during the class period or at a mutually agreed upon time.

Credit Recovery High School

Graduation is the goal for every Arlington student. Credit recovery provides students the opportunity to earn credits lost due to failure or poor attendance. Counselors recommend students for credit recovery. Credit recovery is based on mastery and the credits earned count toward the GPA. There are no limits on the number of credits recovered. Plato is a self-paced program.

A student who fails all three six weeks will be considered on a case by case basis to determine the appropriateness of Plato to earn lost credits. Students who fail on attendance must make up the entire semester to recover credit.

Correspondence Courses

Students in grades 9-12 are eligible to earn a maximum of two (2) credits toward graduation through correspondence courses. Grades earned on correspondence courses will not be included in student's grade point average (GPA). State approved courses are offered by Texas Tech and UT Austin. Students may apply through the counseling office. Fees and textbooks are the responsibility of the students. Self-discipline to complete the lessons and take the final within a time frame are important when considering this option.

Dual Credit

Seniors who want dual credit must fulfill the criteria set forth in policy EHDD (Local) which includes obtaining early admission to the college with associated tuition and fees. Students must remain enrolled in at least three classes each day on the high school campus and maintain an overall grade average of 80 or above. See your counselor for a list of courses approved for dual credit for seniors. Arlington ISD has dual credit agreements with UTA and TCC.