

BHMS-DHS Credit Articulation FAQ

Per the CSD Graduation Requirements Administrative Regulation on Awarding Credits, “The unit(s) of credit earned in middle school shall be posted on the high school transcript as a numerical grade and shall be counted as elective credit. Parents/Guardians will have the opportunity to request the course(s) count as high school core credit in the subject area taken. Grades for these courses shall not be used to calculate grade-point averages for high school purposes including for HOPE scholarship eligibility in accordance with Georgia Student Finance Commission rules. For transfer students, middle school credit will remain as indicated on the official transcript from the previous school.” This is in line with SBOE Rules 160-5-1-.15 and 106-4-2-.48.

We hope to address your questions/concerns below. The form to make the request is at the end of this document.

	Frequently Asked Question	Answer																
#1	What does this mean for my student?	If my CSD Middle School student takes a high school course, then they automatically get an elective credit for the course on their high school transcript. The statement above means that I will have an opportunity to request that the credit is for the specific subject area in which the course was taken. It also means that this course will count towards my student's specific subject areas graduation requirements. This course will not impact my student's high school nor HOPE GPA.																
#2	How do these courses look on my student's transcript if I do nothing?	<p>They will appear as high school elective course credits with a grade of P for passing and zero GPA weight.</p> <p>Example:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="570 1262 1138 1398"> <thead> <tr> <th>Course</th> <th>Letter Grade</th> <th>Wt</th> <th>Credits</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="4">Renfroe Middle School 2019 Grade 08 Term 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Spanish III</td> <td>P</td> <td>.00</td> <td>1.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Personal Fitness</td> <td>P</td> <td>.00</td> <td>.50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Course	Letter Grade	Wt	Credits	Renfroe Middle School 2019 Grade 08 Term 3				Spanish III	P	.00	1.00	Personal Fitness	P	.00	.50
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#3	How will these courses look on my student's transcript if we opt into specific subject area credit?	<p>Based on the example above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Instead of a “P” there will be a letter from A+ to F, depending on the final grade the student earns in the course. The weight will be 1.00 and the credits will be 1.00 if the student passes the class and .00 if the student does not pass the class. -You do not see the subject area on the transcript document . Counselors, Administrators, and Data & Analytics can; and in the school's database and reporting systems rather than Spanish being identified as an elective course, it will be identified as a World Language Course. 																
#4	How does this	Let's look at the Spanish III course from item #2 above. If you opt into																

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	impact my student's graduation requirements?	having this course counted as World Language Credit for graduation, then your student is only required to take one more year of Spanish above Spanish III to meet the World Language graduation requirement for CSD.
#5	How does this impact my student's high school and/or HOPE Grade Point Average (GPA)?	<p>Courses taken in Middle School are not included in the GPA calculation for CSD high school students and can not be included in the stated HOPE GPA calculation.</p> <p>From - "Grades & Weighting Section" https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-scholarships/</p>
#6	Is this decision final? Can I change my mind if my student does not get the expected/desired grade in the course after I elect to opt into them receiving specific subject area credit?	<p>Yes. This decision is final.</p> <p>You will get notified if your student is taking a high school level course and be given the option to opt into specific subject area credit rather than elective credit.</p> <p>Once you opt in, that decision can not be reversed for any reason.</p>
#7	What are the pros of opting into specific subject area credit?	<p>1 - Your student is taking a high school course and they get credit on their high school transcript for having taken a high school course.</p> <p>2 - If your student is interested in taking advantage of or exploring other course related opportunities, they may be able to begin that other coursework sooner.</p> <p>3 - This could prepare students for higher level coursework once in high school and open up opportunities for coursework or experiences.</p>
#8	What are the cons of opting into specific subject area credit?	<p>1 - Each year a student is enrolled in a CSD high school, they need to be in a position to earn 7 units of credits. If your student is NOT interested in taking advantage of or exploring other course related opportunities, they may find the last year of high school tedious having to find courses to fill 7 class periods.</p> <p>2 - Some programs may need continuity of learning. 2a) In the case of World Language for example, if you received French 1 credit in 8th, French 2 credit in 9th; you could stop with French at that point. BUT... If you want to do an IB program starting in 11th grade, you need a language component and would not want to have taken a year off. So just because your graduation requirements are met, does not mean you should</p>

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		<p>discontinue coursework in a specific subject area.</p> <p>2b) If you are planning on being a STEM/STEAM major, you may have earned a math credit in 8th grade and will complete your math for graduation requirements in 11th grade, BUT...</p> <p>You will want to have a math senior year to prepare you for your phase. [Ex. Whether you want to be an electrician (Technical school or apprenticeship program) or an electrical engineer (4-year college program) you will need to have a math course in your senior year.]</p>
#9	What CSD Middle School specific subject areas are currently impacted?	<p>High School World Language courses</p> <p>High School Mathematics courses</p>
#10	What grade levels are impacted by this rule?	This rule applies to all high school courses that are taken in grades 6th, 7th, and/or 8th.
#11	What is the process for indicating that we want to opt into specific subject area credit?	<p>Middle School students/families will be notified if/when they are taking a high school course, have the process explained to them, and get access to a form to request high school credit.</p> <p>Students may request the credit be changed to core credit at any time, but the decision is final and cannot be reversed.</p>
#12	What if my student has more than one high school class, but we do not want to opt into specific subject area credit for all of their eligible high school courses?	<p>At step two in the process outlined in item #11, you will have an opportunity to indicate which specific courses, if there are multiple, for which you want to opt into specific subject area credit.</p>
#13	Who do I contact for more information?	<p>BHMS Instructional Coach - Julie McFadden</p> <p>BHMS Administrator designated to this process - Ron Johnson</p> <p>Your student's DHS Counselor</p>

If you want to request high school core credit for high school courses taken at Renfroe Middle School, please use the form below.

[**HIGH SCHOOL CORE CREDIT REQUEST FORM**](#)