

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL

LAKOTA LOCAL SCHOOLS

Flexible Options

Alternative Learning Environments

Options for Incoming Grades 9-12

- Lakota Central
- Credit Flexibility
- PE Waiver
- Secondary Summer School

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Lakota Central

What is Lakota Central?

- A hybrid-virtual school where students come in-person and also complete virtual assignments
 - Separate location from main campuses – uses lower east wing of WF (with separate entrance)
 - An opportunity to develop personalized student schedules based on need
- A separate registration process
 - Notify counselor of interest
 - Click “I’m interested” when entering course requests in HAC
- More information: <https://central.lakotaonline.com>

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Credit Flexibility

What is Credit Flex?



- An alternative way to earn graduation credit
- Outside of the regular student day and schedule
- Generated and planned by students
- Available to students eligible for high school credit

Credit Flex Options



- Online Courses
- Mastery Assessment (MA)
- Individual Plans (IP)

Online Courses Overview



- Taken through an approved online provider for original credit or credit recovery
- Completed outside of the regular student day
- Paid for by students
 - fees based on provider and any required exam proctor

Students are responsible to take all applicable Ohio State Tests within State defined timelines

Mastery Assessment Overview

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- Testing out of a course without sitting for it
- Components
 - Course exam—must achieve 80% or greater
 - Possible presentation of performance-based task to Credit Flex Committee when applicable
- Completion of the process prior to the next course in the sequence
- Student fees, as appropriate

NOTE: For courses that don't have exams already created, their creation and availability is based on district capacity to implement

Individual Plans Overview

- May be used for independent study, internships/field experiences, community service/service learning, or educational travel*
- Are individualized to students' interests, skills, or career goals
- Require a licensed Teacher of Record (TOR) assigned to the student by Lakota
- Require detailed outlines from the student, including learning activities and assessments
- Student fees, as appropriate

*Credit Flex Plans are generated by the student. Examples available upon request

A Note on the NCAA

- The NCAA has strict rules and regulations regarding acceptable course credit and eligibility for student athletes.
 - No credit is given for testing out of course content.
 - Not all online courses are NCAA approved.
 - Guidelines change frequently.

NOTE: *Student athletes should consult the NCAA Eligibility Center to determine whether or not Credit Flex is an option for them.*

The Credit Flexibility Handbook and Application

- Available from counselors and on the district website at:
 - <http://www.lakotaonline.com/creditflexibility>
- Detailed information about options and the application process
- All necessary forms and deadlines
- For students to use to discuss with their counselors to ensure that the plan aligns with their graduation plans

IMPORTANT NOTE: Credit Flex is not retroactive. Credit Flex applications will only be considered prior to students beginning work on an option.

Process

1. Student creates a Credit Flex plan using the *Handbook* as a guide.
2. The student completes the Credit Flex Application (on the district website)
3. The Application is Reviewed
4. The student is notified of approval or necessary revisions.
5. Once approved
 - the student completes the work independently.
 - The student meets as required with a Teacher of Record (MA, IP, and online).
6. Upon completion
 - Individual Plan - the student presents their work to appropriate personnel.
 - Mastery Assessment - the TOR will notify the student their results.
 - Online Course - student must confirm that their counselor has received the final grade.

Students are responsible to take all applicable Ohio State Tests within State defined timelines

Timeline



- Specific deadlines are provided in the *Credit Flex Handbook*.
- Interested students must check the timeline carefully to ensure they can meet all deadlines.
- Students using Advanced Placement Tests for the *Mastery Assessment* option will not be able to apply any credit earned until the following school year.

If a student wants to take an online course over the summer, that application needs to be approved by the last day of school.

Credit Flex - Physical Education

- *Credit Flex for PE requires the student to submit a Credit Flex Application for planned activities and coursework.*

- Students can apply to earn PE credit through one of the Credit Flexibility options (see *Lakota Credit Flexibility Handbook and Application*).

- **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Students choosing a Credit Flex Individual Plan for PE credit must complete the following:
 - Develop the Plan to include all of the components of the PE Academic Content Standards. Use the template from ODE - available online at <http://education.ohio.gov/>.)
 - Ensure that the Plan specifies how students will be assessed on each of the Standards.

The PE Waiver is a separate program and is not Credit Flexibility.

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PE Waiver

PE Waiver

- What is it?
 - Waiver of the high school graduation PE requirements
 - NOT an awarded credit
 - Allows students to take other courses instead of PE (0.5 credits)
 - Student must still meet the minimum number of credits for graduation

- Who is eligible?
 - Students participating in interscholastic athletics at the high school after successfully completing two full seasons
 - This includes two seasons in two different sports
 - Students participating in marching band

Note: Eligibility is determined by Ohio Law

PE Waiver

- What does the student need to do?
 - Participate in the two, full seasons and let his/her counselor know that he/she plans to use the PE Waiver for the PE graduation requirements
- Where can I find more information?
 - [Lakota website](#)
 - School counselor

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Secondary Summer School

Original and Credit Recovery Courses

- Visit the Lakota website for this year's dates and location
 - www.lakotaonline.com/summerschool

- Courses for original credit:
 - Health and Physical Education
 - Completed remotely
 - PE Offerings - Fitness and Sports and Team and Individual Sports

- Courses for credit recovery (only for students who have already taken the course and have NOT passed):
 - Required courses for the four content areas (English, Math, Social Studies, and Science)
 - Completed remotely with in-person help sessions

Registration and Cost

- Visit the Lakota website for this year's fees and registration timeline
 - www.lakotaonline.com/summerschool
 - Fees are paid through PaySchools Central
 - Directions for registration through PaySchools Central will be posted to the Summer School website.
 - Students may not begin work until the fee has been paid

The only registration accepted after the original credit deadline will be for students needing credit recovery

Math Advancement

- Visit the Lakota website for this year's dates, location, and registration timeline
 - www.lakotaonline.com/summerschool

Bridge to Advanced Math 7 Assessment : (for incoming 7th graders to take Advanced 7th Math in 2026-27)

- Students will register for one assessment date via Google form online at: www.lakotaonline.com/summerschool.
- Preparation materials will be shared with interested families.
- Students who pass the assessment with at least a 60% overall score will be eligible to take the advanced course.

Bridge to Algebra I Assessment : (for incoming 8th graders to take Algebra I in 2026-27)

- Students will register for one assessment date via Google form online at: www.lakotaonline.com/summerschool.
- Preparation materials will be shared with interested families.
- Students who pass the assessment with at least a 60% overall score will be eligible to take the advanced course.