

Section:	I	Policy/Procedure	Procedure
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I. Accredited Schools/Non-Accredited Schools in Another State

A. The following is a list of accrediting organizations recognized by the Fulton County School System. A student's credits or grades from schools that are fully or provisionally accredited by any of these organizations and/or one of the accrediting agencies that is a member of the Georgia Private School Accreditation Council may be accepted by Fulton County Schools.

1. Georgia Accrediting Commission
2. Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
3. New England Association of Schools and Colleges
4. North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
5. Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges
6. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
7. Western Association of Schools and Colleges

Additionally, credits will be accepted from any institution accredited by any commission or accrediting institution that has documentation to show that the Academic Affairs Office of the University System of Georgia accepts students from these institutions for admission into the units of the system and that the graduates are eligible applicants for the HOPE Scholarship program.

B. In addition, student course credit and/or grades may be accepted if earned in any standard Georgia public school; i.e., one which meets all of the requirements and expectations based on Georgia law and Georgia Board of Education rule.

II. Non-Accredited Public/Private Schools or Home Schools

A. Grades from non-accredited public/private schools or home schools will be recorded as pass or no credit (NC) and will not be calculated in a student's grade point average. Credit will be issued for a course or courses after a student has passed a locally developed examination for each course for which credit is requested. (Definition: locally developed examination - an examination for a course or sequence of courses on file in the local school that has been used to evaluate objectives in a particular content area.)

B. Before a home-schooled student or a student from a non-accredited public/private school can be given credit in a Fulton County School, record of attendance and/or progress report from the home school must be submitted to the appropriate school system personnel.

C. Upon application for admission or re-admission into the Fulton County School System from a non-accredited public/private school or a home school, all records from the private or home school must be presented.

III. Elementary/Middle School - Grade Placement of Students

A. A student entering or returning to a Fulton County elementary or middle school from a non-accredited public/private school or home school will be evaluated by school personnel using locally developed examinations in the areas of mathematics, reading and language arts. These examinations will be approved by the appropriate content area coordinator.

B. A student's instructional level will be determined based on the results obtained from the aforementioned examinations.

C. A student will not be placed more than one grade below age appropriate placements.

IV. High School - Acceptance for Course Credit

A. Courses Required for Graduation

1. Grades transferred to Fulton County Schools from non-accredited public/private schools or home schools for courses required for graduation in the Fulton County School System will be accepted upon the student's passing a locally developed examination for each course for which credit is requested. These examinations will be approved by the appropriate content area coordinator. If a student scores less than 70 on the locally developed test, no credit (NC) will be recorded for the course.

2. Grades transferred to Fulton County Schools from a non-accredited public/private school or home school for sequential courses (i.e., year long courses) will be accepted upon the student's passing a comprehensive examination of all required objectives for those sequential courses.

B. Grades transferred to Fulton County Schools from non-accredited public/private schools or home schools for elective courses will be accepted if those courses are currently listed in the Fulton County curriculum and upon the student's passing a locally developed examination for each course for which credit is requested. If a student scores less than 70 on the locally developed test, no credit (NC) will be recorded for the course.

C. Credit will be given for laboratory courses if comparable laboratory time required by the Fulton County School System curriculum is verified by the non-accredited public/private school or home school, and if the student passes a locally developed examination in the appropriate content of the course with a minimum score of 70. If comparable laboratory time cannot be verified, the student will be given general non-laboratory credit for all courses that require laboratory time if the student passes a locally developed examination in the appropriate content of the course with a minimum score of 70. If a student scores less than 70 on a locally developed examination, no credit (NC) will be recorded for the course. These courses will be assigned a non-laboratory (i.e., elective credit) subject area course number rather than the number normally assigned to laboratory courses.

D. No credit will be given for course work obtained from a non-accredited public/private school or a home school program unless comparable course work is offered as part of the Fulton County School System curriculum.

E. Students presently enrolled in Fulton County Schools, home school students and students from non-accredited public/private schools, will not be eligible to receive credit for course work taken during the summer unless the course work is taken in a fully accredited summer school program (see I A). Any exception to this procedure must be approved by the Superintendent.

F. Graduation Requirements

Graduation is contingent upon a student meeting all Fulton County high school graduation requirements and having earned at least one half of the units required for graduation from a fully accredited high school.

V. Special Education

Any student returning from a non-accredited public/private school or home school who is seeking special education services must apply to the Services for Exceptional Children Department. Eligibility and placement will be determined by a review of the student's records. Students who were previously enrolled in a public school special education program will be placed according to the current IEP. If additional information is required, an appropriate referral will be made.

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