



Earned Credits Policy

Rationale

Forest Charter School recognizes that students are facing challenges in their ability to earn high school credit for a variety of reasons: physical and mental health issues, family challenges, transferring between schools, etc. In order to support students in earning credits, Forest Charter School has adopted the following policy.

Policy for earning high school credits

- Students may earn high school credits in 2.5 increments (2.5, 5, 7.5, 10 credits) for classes taken while in grades 9-12.
- If a student completes enough work to earn fewer than the attempted credits according to the student's Master Agreement, the student's supervising teacher may petition the Academic Dean to reduce the number of credits earned. The Academic Dean may use, but is not limited to, the following to determine if the student will be issued fewer credits: the student is designated as a student of concern, Involuntary Removal letter(s) issued, the student enrolled or transferred late in the semester.
- The Academic Dean may make other grade recommendations, such as an Incomplete (see Incomplete Policy) or a reduction in a letter grade, rather than issuing fewer credits.
- The Academic Dean will request information, including, but not limited to, why the student could not reasonably complete the attempted number of credits, such as a death in the family or a personal injury/health concern, to determine if a deduction in credits is warranted.

Policy for earning Dual Enrollment credits

- Students will only receive credit for college classes that correlate to a specific Forest Charter graduation requirement or college admission requirement.
 - These courses must be transferable through Cal_GETC (or the system the California community college system is using) and taken at an accredited California public institution of higher education.

- If you have a question about whether a class will count, please contact the Academic Dean.
 - Core credit will only be issued if the dual enrollment class meets all California content standards for the specific graduation requirement being taken (e.g., US History).
 - Classes that do not meet all California content standards will receive elective credit only.
- Classes taken through private colleges and out-of-state colleges will be issued elective credit only.