CONTENT AND CREDIT RECOVERY

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Students who have been unsuccessful in mastering content or skills required to receive course credit may be offered the opportunity to participate in the district's content or credit recovery programs.

Content Recovery

The district's content recovery program consists of a course-specific, skill-based learning opportunity for students who are still enrolled in a course with the original teacher of record assigned by the school and who have not achieved mastery of course content that has already been addressed. Content recovery allows a student to retake a subset of a course, including a single unit, more than one unit, or other supplemental assignments/activities assigned and approved by a certified teacher as needed for the student to achieve mastery of the course content.

Credit Recovery

The district's credit recovery program consists of a course-specific, skill-based learning opportunity for students who have previously failed to master content or skills required to receive credit in a given course. The program is designed for students who are no longer enrolled in a course but who have achieved sufficient mastery to benefit from a block of instruction, less than the entirety of the course, which targets specific components or a subset of standards to address the standards that students have not mastered.

There will be no increase in the GPA of a student who achieves credit for a credit recovery course. Should a student wish to modify his/her GPA, he/she should repeat the full course for credit and not seek participation in the credit recovery program.

Student Athletes

Student athletes and their parents/legal guardians should be aware that current National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) rules place strict limitations on credits earned through content and credit recovery programs. Participation in these programs **are likely to affect a student's eligibility for NCAA play** (i.e., VirtualSC credit recovery courses are not approved by the NCAA). The district athletic director should be consulted for more information.

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Legal References:

A. South Carolina Department of Education:
   1. South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy (2018).

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School administrators will coordinate with staff members to identify students appropriate for participation in content and credit recovery programs.

Content Recovery

Students must be currently enrolled in a course to participate in content recovery.

Eligibility

Students are eligible for participation in content recovery through the recommendation of their classroom teacher based upon a variety of factors including, but not limited to, documented student performance on formative and summative classroom assessments, student attendance patterns, and course content and curriculum pacing.

Students are generally not limited in the amount of courses for which they may participate in content recovery; however, school administrators may elect to limit participation based upon parent/legal guardian and/or teacher recommendation.

Grading

Content recovery assignments must be completed no later than *the last day of the course for which the content recovery is being attempted.* Seniors must complete any content recovery assignments before final exams begin. Upon satisfactory completion of all assigned work within the time allowed, the teacher will factor the content recovery grade in with the currently recorded grade for that subset of the course by *averaging the student's initial grade with the content recovery grade.*

Credit Recovery

Students must have previously failed a course to be eligible for credit recovery. Participation in credit recovery will not affect a student's GPA. Should a student wish to modify his/her GPA, he/she should repeat the full course for credit and not seek participation in the credit recovery program.

Eligibility

Students are eligible for a credit recovery course if they have previously taken and failed an initial credit course. Students must have obtained a grade of *50* or higher in the initial credit course or the student is not eligible for credit recovery and must retake the full course to receive credit. Students who have already received credit for a course are ineligible to participate in credit recovery to improve their final grade.

Students will be required to complete an application to request placement in a credit recovery course. Consent of the student's parent/legal guardian must be obtained prior to enrollment.

Students may take no more than *four* credit recovery courses per year and may not receive credit for more than *sixteen* credit recovery courses while enrolled in the district.

Instruction and curriculum

The method of instruction for credit recovery courses may vary based upon the district resources available, and includes, but is not limited to, use of an online or computer-based program, VirtualSC, direct instruction by a certified teacher either in person or via distance learning, or blended learning. Individuals charged with facilitating credit recovery courses will receive training in online instruction management and related technology, when applicable.

Each credit recovery course will be based upon state curriculum standards and objectives for the corresponding subject and will be aligned across courses within the district. The standards and concepts to be addressed in credit recovery courses will be determined by the teacher who assigned the student the failing grade in the initial credit course, through a diagnostic tool utilized by the credit recovery course facilitator or software program, or through another diagnostic assessment offered by the district.

Credit recovery course offerings may be limited by the availability of space, facilitators, and appropriate computer-based content and/or due to district budgetary constraints.

Grading

Students are not permitted to remain in a credit recovery course for more than *one academic year*.

Credit recovery courses taken during the final semester of the school year must be completed no later than two weeks following the last day of the academic year. Graduating seniors must complete credit recovery courses no later than *the conclusion of the final exam window*. Additionally, rising seniors enrolled in credit recovery courses during a summer session must complete those courses no later than August 15th to count for the current academic year. Other students enrolled in credit recovery courses during a summer session may extend past August 15th, but the course credit will be recorded in the next academic year.

When a student has shown mastery of the credit recovery material, the student will receive credit for the course. Because end-of-course examinations focus on assessing a student's mastery of an entire course, and credit recovery only focuses on a portion of the course's content, students will not be permitted to retake the exam.

Student grades in credit recovery courses are designed to be GPA-neutral, meaning that the student's GPA will not be affected by the student's grade in the course. The failing grade in the initial credit course will remain on the student's transcript. If the student passes the credit recovery course with a 60 or higher, the passing grade will be entered as "P." If the student does not pass, the failing grade will be entered as "NP." Neither the "P" nor the "NP" grade designation will impact the student's GPA.

Cost

Credit recovery courses are typically provided to students without charge. However, a student's parent/legal guardian will be responsible for any and all costs associated with a district-approved request to utilize an alternative method of instruction in lieu of the no-cost option the district offers. Anderson School District One does not charge a fee for students who take credit recovery courses during the school year. A fee may be charged to students who wish to take a credit recovery course over the summer.

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