

# MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

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## CREDIT FLEXIBILITY

Credit Flexibility applies to any alternative coursework, assessment and/or performance that demonstrate proficiency qualified to be awarded equivalent graduation credit as applied for and approved in advance by the school district. Approved credit awarded through this policy will be posted on the student's transcript and counted toward student grade point average (GPA), class rank and as graduation credit in the related subject area or as an elective.

The school district will include details of the Credit Flexibility policy and program on the district website and in the Student/Parent Handbooks at the middle schools and high school.

### Application:

Any student may apply for credit to be awarded through Independent Study or Credit Flexibility. The student will submit an application on the district **Application for Independent Study and Credit Flexibility** form. All required information must be provided. The student may be required to provide supporting documentation as determined by the Guidance Counselor and/or Principal or designee of the Principal. Application must be made by April 1<sup>st</sup> for participation in the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the following school year, and by November 1<sup>st</sup> for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

### Review of Application:

The application will be reviewed by the guidance counselor(s) and Principal or designee of the Principal. Upon approval of a completed application, the student may then proceed with the learning activity and credit will be awarded when all requirements are completed and evaluated. The Principal or designee may consult with the facilitator of the related department or others as needed to provide needed information prior to making a decision regarding the awarding or denial of credit.

### Instructor(s):

- A Memorial High School educator will be appointed by the Principal or designee of the Principal as the Instructor of Record.
- Credit Flexibility options must meet the requirements of the Highly Qualified Teachers (HQT).

- Online courses must be included on a district pre-approved list of providers.

#### Awarding credit:

A student may be eligible to receive credit upon satisfactory completion of the alternative coursework, activity, assessment and/or performance as required by the Principal or designee. The following standards and guidelines apply to awarding credit:

- The total number of credits that may be awarded is not limited.
- The successful completion of a preapproved course may result in credit being designated as fulfilling either required or elective credit toward graduation requirements.
- All courses, as applicable, must be aligned to the Ohio Academic Content Standards to receive credit.
- Credit from other districts and educational providers, including online providers, may be accepted in accordance with the Ohio Operating Standards.
- The Principal or designee may award credit for custom learning activity(s) in the amount approved in advance and may award partial credit where deemed appropriate.
- The Principal or designee may award credit or partial credit for preapproved assessments, performances or work products that demonstrate mastery of content of any course offered at Memorial High School. Elective credit for courses not offered at Memorial High School may also be earned in this manner as preapproved.
- If a student transfers from another school district to the Memorial High School and the student has not completed the course requirements to receive credit as approved by the other district, the Principal or designee may consider this a new application for credit. The Principal or designee may assign partial credit for partial completion as deemed appropriate.
- Credits completed in another district before transfer to Memorial High School will count as credits toward fulfilling graduation requirements as awarded by the sending district. The Principal or designee will review the transfer credit to determine equivalency to specific courses offered by Memorial High School.
- There are NO weighted grades for credits earned through independent study/credit flexibility.
- The Teacher of Record reserves the right to withdraw the student from a course (with penalty) for issues involving plagiarism and copyright violation.
- The student must complete all coursework assigned by the Teacher of Record on or before the due date or the student may be withdrawn with penalty from the course.
- The decision of the Teacher of Record regarding a withdrawal from the course may be appealed to the Principal. A letter outlining the reason(s) for the appeal must be received by the Principal within 10 calendar days following notification of withdrawal.

### Determining Grades:

- Grades earned through Independent Study and/or Credit Flexibility will NOT be weighted. The letter grade to be posted on the transcript and included in the student's grade point average will be awarded as determined by the Teacher of Record.
- If a student fails to make adequate progress on coursework, the approval to further pursue the proposed credit may be revoked and a failing grade will be posted to the student's transcript.
- The final grade for the course must be posted before the credit can count toward graduation.
- If a student is unable to complete the course due to illness (with provided medical documentation) or other valid reason as determined by the Principal or designee, an extension may be permitted and/or requirements revised.
- If the student does not intend to complete the credit and there has been an illness or other valid reason, the application may be withdrawn without penalty by the Principal or designee.
- Should a student transfer to another school district, upon request of the student or parent, the district shall forward a copy of the approved application to the new district for their consideration.

### Access:

This policy does not in any way prohibit access to on-line education, postsecondary options or services from another district approved by the board.

### Appeal of the Decision to Approve Credit Flexibility Option:

The student may appeal the decision of the Principal or designee of the Principal to the Superintendent within 10 calendar days following notification by the Principal. The Superintendent's decision on the appeal is final.

# **Campbell Memorial High ~ Credit Flexibility**

## **Waiver Language**

### **1. Test-out**

Campbell Memorial High School District will examine assessment options to determine their alignment with Ohio Academic Content Standards/Common Core Standards. The examination will include reviewing assessments and test specifications for those assessments. In addition, the district will develop a comprehensive assessment system to provide various options for students to demonstrate mastery of an identified course.

### **2. Online education**

Campbell Memorial High School District will examine multiple online education options to determine the alignment of the courses to the Ohio Academic Content Standards/Common Core Standards and to determine the rigor of those courses meets the level of rigor proposed in the Standards.

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## OPTIONS – 2010/2011

Physical Education Credit for the following activities:

### A. Athletics:

Students that participate in school sponsored athletics and complete 2 full seasons from the beginning of the sport season to the end will receive full credit for Physical Education. The athletic director will verify participation through teacher rosters submitted to the OHSAA at the beginning of the season and the final roster at the conclusion of the season.

Injuries that prevent a student from participation in at least 50% of the scheduled season will result in that student not receiving the credit for that sport.

Since the O.D.E. does not permit partial credit, this option is an all or nothing option. ( i.e. a student cannot take 1 Physical Education class and participate in one season of Athletics ). NOTE: As for this option cheerleading is considered an athletic sport.

### B. Band and Intro To Dance:

Students that participate in Band shall adhere to the same rules as Athletics. Band will also count toward a Fine Art credit.

Students that participate in Intro To Dance will receive ½ credit of Fine Art and a ¼ credit of Physical Education.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade students that participate in a full season of high school Band will be able to acquire high school credit for Fine Arts and one season toward the Physical Education requirement, provided the music class is taught by a certified high school instructor.

### Fine Art Credit:

Students that participate in the Bright Future's Program with Westminster College summer program will receive a ½ credit of Fine Arts, provided the focus of the summer program is of Performing Arts. Should the program change its focus, Campbell Memorial will revise this option to meet the change.

### Dual Credit with Y.S.U.:

This option allows qualified students enrolled in Physics, AP Chemistry, and/or Calculus to earn college credit and high school credit while enrolled in the class taught at C.M.H.S. Standards and guidelines are specifically outlined by Y.S.U. Any additional subjects offered under this program will be added as approved by Y.S.U. and the Campbell Board of Education.

### Alternative Educational Options:

- Post-Secondary Option
- Mahoning County Resource Center ( Mall School )
- P.A.C.E.
- Mahoning County Career and Technical Center
- Mahoning County Unlimited Classroom
- Choffin Career Center
- Mahoning County High School ( Juvenile Court School )

### Customized Courses:

As stated in application and developed by students, parents, guardians, and Credit Flex Approval Committee.