

## Credit by Demonstrated Mastery Information for Students and Parents



Credit by Demonstrated Mastery (CDM) is the process by which each school district must award students credit for a course without requiring the student to complete the classroom instruction or enroll in the course. In other words, Credit by Demonstrated Mastery allows students with **deep understanding of the content prior** to taking the course, to receive a course credit. The intention of this policy is to enable students to access more advanced content to meet their academic needs.

### **Eligible Classes:**

All Courses are eligible for Credit by Demonstrated Mastery with exception of the following:

- Career and Technical Education (CTE) work-based learning courses
- Career and Technical Education courses that have a clinical setting as a requirement of the course such as Early Childhood Education
- Career and Technical Education Advanced Studies courses or courses without a state final exam
- English Learner (EL) courses
- Healthful Living required courses
- Advanced Placement courses
- Virtual/Distance Learning Classes
- Career & College Promise Classes
- Some courses not offered in Asheboro City Schools

### **Phase I: Standard Examination**

*NOTE: Students only get ONE attempt to obtain Credit by Demonstrated Mastery per course. If they are unsuccessful at any phase of the process, they must enroll in and pass the class in the traditional manner.*

#### **Non-EOC High School Courses:**

- Students must take a local exam selected by Asheboro City Schools that will be representative of the overall course content.
- Students must achieve a 90% or higher on the local exam to qualify for Phase 2: Artifact development.

#### **End-of-Course Assessment Courses:**

- Students will take EOC exams for Biology, English II, NC Math 1, or NC Math 3
- Exam will be given within the predetermined window
- Must achieve a Level 5 to exam to qualify for Phase 2 Artifact development

#### **Career and Technical Education Courses:**

- Students will take the Career and Technical Education Post-Assessment
- Exam will be given within the predetermined window
- For Career and Technical Education purposes, must achieve an equivalent exam score of 90 or higher to qualify for Phase 2 Artifact development
- When students earn Credit by Demonstrated Mastery for a Career and Technical Education course, it must be included in the credits to a concentration
- Students may not use Credit by Demonstrated Mastery for articulated credit at the community college

## **Phase II: Artifact Development**

- Student must create an artifact that reflects deep understanding of the content standards, including the ability to apply the skills and knowledge expected at the end of the course. (The school may require a presentation, project, or interview as evidence of student's ability). Artifact may be of any type, ranging from 3 dimensional to paper-based to electronic to oral interviews.
- Credit by Demonstrated Mastery Committee will provide guidance on the artifact with scoring rubric. Students must receive a rating of superior on Phase 2 to receive credit for the course.
- Students earning a Career and Technical Education credential may be able to use the credential as the artifact component (per committee decision).

**No grade or quality points will be granted for Credit by Demonstrated Mastery.  
A "Pass" will be earned and shown on the student's transcript,  
which will not be included in the GPA calculation.**

### **Credit by Demonstrated Mastery Schedule for 2021-2022**

<b>STEP</b>	<b>Summer 2021</b>	<b>Fall 2021</b>	<b>Spring 2022</b>	<b>Summer 2022</b>
Application due date	May 21, 2021	Sept. 3, 2021	Jan. 28, 2022	May 27, 2022
Test Window*	July 19-30, 2021*	September 13 – 24, 2021*	February 14 – 25, 2022*	July 18-29, 2022*
Phase 1 results	July 30, 2021	September 30, 2021	March 4, 2022	August 1, 2022
Phase 2 due date	August 18, 2021	November 12, 2021	April 22, 2022	August 18, 2022
Phase 2 results	August 23, 2021	December 10, 2021	May 13, 2022	August 25, 2022

**\*Dates may change as determined by the NC Department of Public Instruction.**