

# **Outside Academic Credits Policy**

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Woods Charter School values academic opportunities that support students in their learning in the world beyond Woods. We encourage families to take advantage of programs, courses, and experiences that enrich students' lives. Such programs can supplement, but not replace, the Woods curriculum. Any courses taken outside of Woods for credit must receive prior approval from the high school director and principal.

## **Summer Opportunities**

Credit-bearing summer programs and courses will provide their own transcripts. In some cases, such a credit will be considered a graduation requirement. If a course is determined to count as a credit required for graduation, it will be included in GPA calculation.

## **Online Courses**

Courses offered online by another institution will be included on the WCS transcript, and included in GPA calculation, if:

- the course is a high school course provided by NC Virtual Public School (NCVPS);
- the course is a high school credit course from another accredited high school and deemed a WCS graduation requirement,
- the course is part of the College and Career Program at Central Carolina Community College and deemed a WCS graduation requirement.

Online courses taken as enrichment or for college credit will provide separate transcripts and will not apply towards WCS graduation requirements or be included in GPA calculation.

## **Exceptions and Examples**

Students who have completed all courses offered at WCS may be allowed to enroll at another institution (for example, a student may have taken all math classes offered at WCS and elect to continue to the next level of instruction).

Students at risk of not graduating from high school in four years may be allowed to recover credits through remediation programs.

Individual Education Plans or 504 Plans may include or require courses or credits earned outside of WCS classes.

Students with medical or health needs that interrupt their normal progress at WCS may receive contingent consideration.