What is credit advancement?

Credit advancement allows students who already know most of the standards taught in a particular course to prove mastery of course content by successfully completing a pretest and posttest in that subject.

In which classes can students attempt credit advancement?

Students can attempt credit advancement in most regular level core classes (math, science, English, and social studies) and elective classes. A complete list of credit advancement courses is available in the counselors' office at each high school.

What tests are used for credit advancement?

Edgenuity Pretests and Posttests

What is the process for attempting credit advancement?

Students interested in attempting credit advancement should contact their high school's credit advancement coordinator to schedule an appointment to take the pretest credit advancement exam. Students should allow approximately 1.5 hours to take a pretest credit advancement exam.

All credit advancement exams will be given on campus and will be proctored by the principal's designee. Exams will be taken on the student's MacBook or designated computer. There is no fee to participate in credit advancement, and the permission form is located on the BCBE website.

Students attempting credit advancement will take a pretest for the course. If the student earns at least an 80 on the pretest, then he/she will take a comprehensive posttest. If the student makes at least an 80 on the posttest, then he or she will receive credit for the course. If the student earns below an 80 on the pretest, then he or she is not eligible to take the posttest or to receive credit for the course.

Results for tests taken through Edgenuity should be available immediately.

Once the student has passed the pretest, he or she will need to schedule an appointment to take the posttest. The student should allow approximately 1.5 hours to take a posttest. The posttest must be taken within one week of the results of the pretest being released to the students. Students are permitted to take the posttest on the same day as the pretest if an appointment to do so is available.

Students who do not earn at least an 80 on the pretest and an 80 on the posttest will not earn credit through credit advancement, and nothing will be posted to the transcript.
How will students' grades for credit advancement courses be calculated?

The grade earned on the pretest and the posttest will be averaged. The numeric average will serve as the final grade and will be posted directly to the transcript in a separate column indicating that the credit was earned through credit advancement. Please note that the scores students earn on the Quality Core in algebra and in English 10 will be in calculated as 10% of the final grade for credit advancement algebra and English 10 respectively. Credit advancement courses are not weighted.

Quality Core

Students who attempt credit advancement in English 10 and/or algebra and who earn at least an 80 on the pretest and posttest for these courses will be required to sit for the Quality Core exam in these subjects. The grade earned on the Quality Core will be included in the final grade earned for these subjects.

How many credits can students earn through credit advancement?

There is no limit on the number of credits that a student can earn through credit advancement.

Who is eligible to attempt credit advancement?

All rising ninth grade through twelfth grade Baldwin County Public School students are eligible to attempt credit advancement.

How many times can students attempt credit advancement in each course?

Students will be permitted to attempt credit advancement one time per course, per academic year.

When can students take credit advancement exams?

Credit advancement exams must be taken during the month of June. Students should contact their school's credit advancement coordinator to schedule an appointment to take credit advancement exams. New students who are not enrolled in Baldwin County Public Schools during the month of June should contact their school's credit advancement coordinator to schedule an appointment to take credit advancement exams as close to the student's enrollment date as possible.

How can I prepare for credit advancement exams?

All credit advancement exams are based on our courses of study, which are located at www.bcbe.org (under Departments- Instructional Support- Secondary Education). Students may prepare for credit advancement exams by reviewing the standards in the related course of study.

Are credit advancement classes approved by NCAA, the Alabama High School Athletic Association and other organizations?

Admission and eligibility requirements of various organizations are subject to change, and it is the student's responsibility to consult with outside organizations such as universities, the Alabama High School Athletic Association, NCAA, etc. to determine how credits earned through credit advancement might affect eligibility, admissions, or status. Credit Advancement courses are not approved by NCAA.

Any deviations from these procedures must be approved by the superintendent or his or her designee(s).