

Dear Counselor,

We understand that not only is this a crazy time of year for all of you but that it is also the start of another unpredictable and unprecedented year. So, we will try to be concise and give you the key highlights regarding changes in adult education:

First, over the course of the last year, we found there was a high demand for and a significant success rate with our distance learning program which combined live Zoom instruction with active google classroom managed coursework. As a result, ***we plan to continue offering distance learning options that include synchronous and asynchronous instruction as well as offering in-person instruction and support at our two Learning Centers and several of our satellite locations.***

Second, **this is the last year that students can graduate from our Credit Diploma Program (CDP) with 20 credits.** If a student has not completed their 20 credits and all graduation requirements by 6/20/22, then they will need to meet the state's new minimum 25 credits requirement if that rolls out as expected.

CDP students who do not graduate by 6/30 will be expected to meet these distribution requirements:

Eight (8) Humanities Credits to include:

- Four (4) Credits in English;
- Three (3) Credits in Social Studies (must include 1 credit in American History and 0.5 credit in Civics/ American Government); and
- One (1) Credit in a Humanities Elective.

Seven (7) STEM Credits to include:

- Four (4) Credits in Mathematics (may include, but are not limited to, credits in any of the following: Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Basic Math, Transitions Math, Pre-Algebra, Financial Literacy or Personal Finance); and
- Three (3) Credits in Science (must include 1 credit in Life Science and at least 1 credit in Physical Science)

Seven (10) Elective Credits to include:

- Two (2) Credits in the Arts, Vocational Education, Digital Literacy/Technology, Transition to Career, Transition to Post-Secondary or Life Skills.

Third, according to Public Act 21-199, as of July 1, 2023, students cannot drop out of high school until they are 18 years old UNLESS they are 17 and withdrawing straight to adult education with a parent's permission.

As always, we encourage you to reach out to us with any questions you have. We are available to meet with you and your students in person or through Zoom to discuss our programs and to support them through any potential transition to adult education.

Regards,

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