

CREDIT FLEXIBILITY FOR 2012-2013

General Information: Credit flexibility shifts the focus from “seat time” to performance-based instruction. Students can earn units of high school credit based on an individually approved credit flexibility plan. The intent of credit flexibility is to meet increased expectations for high school graduation in response to globalization, student academic needs, technology, and demographics and to meet the demand of the 21st century skills.

Students in grades 9-12 can earn high school credit by:

1. Successfully completing coursework;
2. Testing out or showing mastery of course content;
3. Pursuing an individually approved option; and/or
4. Any combination of the above

Timeline for the Extended Form of the Credit Flexibility Application:

Students who wish to participate in the credit flexibility program in the areas of **distance learning, educational travel, independent study, an internship, after school/tutorial program, or community service** will be required to complete the **Extended Form** of the Credit Flexibility Application and receive approval from a committee of FCSD personnel.

January, 2012 Students in grades 8 through 11 will receive information about Credit Flexibility.

February, 2012, through March, 2012

FHS and FFS counselors will meet individually with students to schedule for the 2012-2013 school year. Students may bring a completed Extended Form to this meeting or complete the form using information obtained during the meeting.

March, 2012

FFS counselors will meet with Grade 8 students to schedule for the 2012-2013 school year. Students may bring a completed Extended Form to this meeting or complete the form using information obtained during the meeting.

The Extended Form of the Credit Flexibility Application **must be submitted** to a school counselor by students in grades 8 through 11 by March 30, 2012. This timeline will not be extended.

April, 2012

A committee will be formed at each building to review applications. Students will be notified of the results of the review no later than April 30, 2012.

May, 2012

If required, student schedules will be adjusted.

Students not able to follow the established timeline for distance learning, educational travel, independent study, an internship, after school/tutorial program, community service, or engagement projects will not be permitted in the credit flexibility program for the 2012-2013 school year.

Timeline for the Short Form of the Credit Flexibility Application:

Students who wish to participate in the credit flexibility program in the areas of testing out or online classes will be required to complete the **Short Form** of the Credit Flexibility Application and receive approval from a committee of FCSD personnel.

Whenever applicable, students should attempt to follow the established timeline used with the Extended Form of the Credit Flexibility Application for testing out and online classes. Exceptions to this timeline should be addressed on an individual basis with a school counselor.