

Credit Flexibility Policy

The Talawanda Board of Education recognizes that an effective educational program is one that provides opportunities for students to customize aspects of their learning around their respective needs and interests. Credit flexibility is one method to motivate and increase student learning by allowing access to more resources, customization of individual student needs and the use of multiple measures of learning.

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 the credit flexibility is to meet increased expectations for high school graduation in response to globalization, **student academic needs, technology, demographics** and to meet the demand of the 21st century skills.

In accordance with the State law, students can continue to earn credit through the completion of the required course work or earn credit by completing the following requirements in a credit flexibility plan:

1. Test out of the course by demonstrating 80% mastery of course content
2. Pursuing an educational option
3. Pursuing an individually approved option
4. Any combination of the above

Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, students who wish to participate in the credit flexibility program must complete an application. Packets are available in the Guidance Office and must be completed and returned to the GUIDANCE OFFICE within ten (10) calendar days following the official starting date of the semester. Forms will not be accepted outside of the ten day window.