



Credit Flexibility Policy

Since its inception, Bridges Community Academy (BCA) has embraced the concept of Credit Flexibility, allowing the school and students to partner together to meet each student's unique educational needs. Since 2010, Credit Flexibility has been an official process available to all of Ohio's students.

The BCA Credit Flexibility Team is headed by the coordinator for instructional services, and include the student's advisor, the content teacher for the requested subject, parents/guardians, student, and other staff as deemed appropriate by the administration. Each plan will be individualized, designed by the BCA team together with the student and parent(s)/guardians, yet comply with the parameters of credit flexibility as outlined by the Ohio Department of Education.

Options for earning credits under a credit flexibility plan may include, but are not limited to online classes, independent studies, courses and lessons through outside providers, and university courses.

General Guidelines:

Any BCA student in grades 7-12 is eligible for a credit flexibility plan, pending team approval

The student must submit the credit flexibility plan in writing before the commencement of the proposed avenue for earning credit. Exceptions include transfer students. All potential credit earned through credit flexibility must be approved by the team.

Credit Flexibility requests **MUST** include:

The requirements to be met in order for credit to be awarded.

These may include, but are not limited to:

Formative and summative assessments

Portfolios

Performance Evaluations

Log books

Special projects

Presentations

Deadlines for the completion of work and submission of evaluation

Credit will be transcribed upon receipt of final evaluation.

Evaluations completed via a grading scale will be converted to the 4.0 scale used by BCA, and will be included in the GPA.

Evaluations completed on a pass/fail basis will not be included in the GPA.

Costs beyond those included in customary and usual instruction, materials and activities provided by BCA are the full responsibility of the student.

In the event a plan is rejected, students may follow the appeal process as outlined by the Ohio Department of Education.