

DEFINITION OF TERMS

block: 90 minute period daily

term: 9 week, 90 minutes per day course

course number: each course is assigned a 6 digit number for scheduling and grade reporting purposes.

unit: a form of credit based upon the Carnegie unit; one unit (1.0) is granted for the successful completion of a course which meets one block per day for a two terms, or the equivalent; a half unit (0.5) is granted for the successful completion of a course which meets one period/block per day for a term or the equivalent. One Carnegie Unit is equal to 120 hours of instruction.

full credit course: a course which earns 0.5 units per term. Sometimes called a "solid".

partial credit: a course which is not a "solid"; earns less than 0.5 units per term.

prerequisite: a course which must be taken first before enrollment in another class (Example: Financial Accounting is a prerequisite to Managerial Accounting).

required: a full credit course which must be successfully completed to satisfy graduation requirements.

elective: a course which may be taken for credit but is not required for graduation.

recommended: a course the student would be advised to take but is not required.

grade points: grades are based on a 4-point scale, i.e., A = 4.000, B = 3.000, C = 2.000, D = 1.000, F = 0.000; grade points are totaled at the end of each term for all credit subjects.

grade point average (GPA): computed by dividing the total grade points by the number of credit subjects completed; based on a 4-point scale, i.e., A = 4.000, B = 3.000, C = 2.000, D = 1.000, F = 0.000. Grades in all credit courses are included in the GPA. This may include grades in partial credit courses. Beginning fall 2005, Physical Education will receive .5 credits and be included in their GPA.

DUAL CREDIT

Dual credit means that students will receive both high school credit and college credit for meeting the predetermined criteria for those courses that offer dual credit. Students enrolled in dual credit courses will be required to take the COMPASS test.

KIMBERLY CENTER EAST

Students must obtain their counselor's endorsement and administrative permission to enroll in Kimberly Center East, the alternative high school.

CORRESPONDENCE STUDY

Correspondence study is available for those students who need to make up credit or otherwise find themselves in need of additional credits.

COLLEGE CREDIT

Refer to Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act, page 4 and 5 of this guide.

INDEPENDENT STUDY COURSES

Independent Study courses are intended for select juniors or seniors who have demonstrated responsibility, self-discipline, and motivation. The program is initiated when students wish to explore a problem in depth for an extended period of time. It is expected that the student would have completed courses within the department and preferably with the teacher supervising the Independent Study. Independent Study courses are not designed to replace or duplicate a class within the regular curriculum. Application for Independent Study should be completed through the Guidance office at the time of registration.