

Credit by Demonstrated Mastery (CDM)

General

- CDM is a process where a student, based on a body of evidence, may receive credit for a course without having to complete classroom instruction.
- Mastery must be demonstrated through a deep understanding of the content standards and the ability to apply knowledge of the material.
- CDM is offered to students in grades 9-12 for most courses offered at BCS and for students in grades 7-8 for appropriate high school courses.
- CDM is most appropriately used to help accelerate or enrich a student's overall academic plan.
- Students and parents should work with their school counselor to discuss CDM and complete the CDM application.

Specifics

- CDM testing is offered twice a year: Fall (September) and Spring (February).
- CDM applications are due by the end of the previous school year for fall testing and before winter break for spring testing.
- There are somewhat different procedures for World Language CDM. Please review the "World Language CDM" document available on the BCS website (see below).
- CDM involves a multi-phase assessment. Phase 1 is a written exam. Phase 2 involves artifact development (interviews, performances, portfolios, demonstrations, and/or written projects).
- Students must establish strong foundational understanding ($\geq 90\%$ proficiency) on Phase 1 and show deep understanding and the ability to apply knowledge on Phase 2.
- State tests (EOC, NCFE, CTE) will be used for Phase 1 assessment when available. Tests from professional organizations or locally developed tests will be used for other courses.
- Only students who are successful on Phase 1 will move to Phase 2.
- Courses must be **challenged in sequence** and only one level in a sequence can be challenged per testing session.
- Students may **NOT** be enrolled in a course they wish to challenge.
- Students may only attempt CDM **one time per course**.

Results

- Successful CDM attempts **will** be recorded on the transcript and count as a credit toward graduation requirements and meeting prerequisites.
- Unsuccessful attempts **will not** be recorded in a student's record and a student will not be penalized for attempting CDM.
- CDM does **not** carry a letter grade and is **not** included in a student's GPA.
- CDM credit may be considered in a different manner by external organizations (NCHSAA, NCAA, post-secondary institutions) and this should be discussed with a counselor.

Additional Information

- BCS (including application):
<https://www.buncombeschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=92531&pageId=238943>
- NC guidelines: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/students-families/enhanced-opportunities/advanced-learning-and-gifted-education/credit-demonstrated-mastery%20>