

6-1.099 Transfer of High School Credit Rule

(1) All evidence of work or credits earned at another school, community college, or university offered for acceptance shall be based on an official transcript authenticated by the proper school authority.

(2) Work or credits from state or regionally accredited public or private schools or institutions shall be accepted at face value, subject to validation if deemed necessary.

(3) Work or credits from non-accredited public or private schools or institutions shall be validated by examination or scholastic performance as established in school board policies.

(4) Work or credits earned by Opportunity Scholarship students from private schools which participate in the Opportunity Scholarship Program shall be accepted at face value, subject to validation if deemed necessary.

(5) Work or credits for home education students who transfer into the public school system shall be granted based on criteria established in district school board policies, which may include one or more of the following, as appropriate:

- (a) Demonstrated academic performance in the classroom;
- (b) Portfolio evaluation by the superintendent or designee;
- (c) Written recommendation by a Florida certified teacher selected by the parent and approved by the principal;
- (d) Demonstrated performance in courses taken through dual enrollment or at other public or private accredited schools;
- (e) Demonstrated proficiencies on standardized subject area assessments; or
- (f) Demonstrated proficiencies on the FCAT.

Such policies must provide the home education student at least ninety (90) days to prepare for assessments outlined in paragraphs (5)(e) and (5)(f) if required. The policies must require the validation of credits within the first ninety (90) days of the student's enrollment in the public school system. If however, assessments outlined in paragraphs (5)(e) and (5)(f) are required, validation of credits must be completed by the end of the school year.

(6) A transfer student cannot be required to spend additional time in a Florida high school in order to meet Florida graduation requirements provided the student has met all requirements of the school district, state, or country from which he or she is transferring. However, to receive a Florida high school diploma, a transfer student must pass the appropriate state test required for graduation.