



Summer Learning Credit Recovery Guidance

Effective June 2024.

To support students in staying on track with their course credits and graduating on time, DCPS students can enroll in credit recovery courses during summer learning. The DCPS credit recovery program is designed to support students in their efforts to recover credits from courses they have failed. Credit recovery courses are individualized and proficiency-based.

DCPS students participating in summer learning credit recovery courses are provided with the same high academic supports and instruction as they would receive in such courses during the regular school year. The *Credit Recovery Policy*¹ conveys DCPS' requirements for its credit recovery program, including available courses, eligibility for credit recovery, allowable formats for instruction, scheduling and staffing, attendance, course completion and grading, the appeals process, and special consideration for English Learners and students with disabilities. Given the nature of summer learning, some policy requirements must be modified, and these changes are detailed below. Unless specifically noted in this policy, all other requirements of the *Credit Recovery Policy* apply to summer learning credit recovery programs.

Available Courses

During the summer learning session, Physical Education will be an available credit recovery offering, and schools may offer it to students.

Scheduling and Staffing

As part of the staffing model for summer learning credit recovery courses, the teacher-to-student ratio should not exceed 1-to-25. Teachers may be responsible for up to two (2) courses, but may only serve a total of twenty-five (25) students between the two (2) courses.

Attendance

In summer learning credit recovery courses, students are expected to attend classes every day of each week (i.e., typically five (5) days per week). This expectation may be adjusted in the rare circumstance that a student completes the required materials before the conclusion of the summer learning session. This determination will be made by their teacher and must be documented in the student's educational record.

If a student is absent without a valid excuse for four (4) days in a summer learning session, they will be withdrawn from the course and receive a grade of "W" on their transcript and/or report card. Absence notifications will be provided to families after the second, third, and fourth unexcused absences. Students who earn a "W" due to attendance in a summer learning credit recovery course are not eligible to reenroll in that course during that summer.

¹ Available at <https://dcps.dc.gov/page/dcps-policies>.