

1. DEFINITIONS.

Definitions consistent with GBOE rule.

An accredited school is defined as an elementary, middle or secondary school accredited by or holding provisional status from the Georgia Accrediting Commission and/or one of the regional accrediting agencies that is a member of the Georgia Private School Accreditation Council and/or one of the regional accrediting agencies listed in Georgia Board of Education Rule 160-5-1-.15.

Validation is defined as the process of verifying credits earned.

Course credit is defined to mean courses for which guides and evaluation procedures exist at the sending school.

2. CREDIT TRANSFER

The school principal is designated by the Superintendent to make decisions on the acceptance of credit transfer. The principal has the authority to evaluate the education record of the student to determine Carnegie Units and/or grade level placement in the regular education. Upon enrollment of the student, the principal will determine the acceptance or rejection of credit.

All course credit from a school accredited by or holding provisional status from the Georgia Accrediting Commission and/or one of the regional accrediting agencies that is a member of the Georgia Private School Accreditation Council and/or one of the regional accrediting agencies listed in Georgia Board of Education Rule 160-5-1-. will be accepted as verified by the transcript from the sending school.

Students entering Pickens County School System from an accredited school will be placed according to credit earned and grade level achievement.

The Pickens County Board of Education reserves the right to accept units of credit earned in non-accredited schools for only those courses meeting the minimum criteria as specified by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and the Georgia Accrediting Commission. No units of credit will be given for course work obtained in a home study program or non-accredited school unless comparable course work is offered as a part of the public school minimum core curriculum.

3. PLACING TRANSFER STUDENTS

All course credit from a school not accredited by the state or regional accrediting association or from home schools shall be provided on a transcript. The receiving school shall contact the sending school and verify that the sending school adheres to the standards regarding clock hours set by the state or regional accrediting association. Final acceptance of credit will be allowed by one of the following methods:

- A. The student must make a score of 70 on the teacher-made test(s) used by the teacher(s) at the receiving school in the Pickens County Schools for the course which most closely parallels the courses being considered for credit transfer.

- B. The student must perform successfully on a specially designed or selected set of performance criteria based upon the curriculum content of the course(s) being considered for credit transfer.
- C. Any performance indicators produced by the student that have been administered by previous instructors or other qualified education personnel may be examined and, if deemed adequate, may be used for validation of the course(s) being considered for credit transfer.
- D. The student must successfully complete the approved courses taken during the subsequent grading period (six weeks, etc.) after which the credit transferred would be officially accepted.

Home school students who plan to graduate from high school must be enrolled in the School System during their entire senior year. Upon entry, their record will be evaluated and the student and parents advised of the student's status regarding graduation requirements in this system.

All students enrolled in public school are evaluated on a periodic basis in order to assess student achievement and program effectiveness. Students entering or re-entering the public schools will be required to participate in all state or local testing programs when applicable.

A child shall be entitled to admission to the kindergarten or first grade during the registration period for a school term if the child will be five years or six years of age on or before September 1 of that school year.

A child must present a birth certificate when he/she enrolls in kindergarten or first grade in Pickens County Schools. A birth certificate may be requested from pupils transferring into the system when deemed necessary by the principal and teacher.

All children entering Georgia public schools for the first time are required to have hearing, vision, and dental screening by a qualified member of the local health department or a private physician.

State law requires that the parents or guardians of children entering Pickens County Schools for the first time, regardless of grade level, must present a completed certificate of immunization to the school, and a copy must be retained in the child's permanent record. This certificate states that the child has been immunized from contagious diseases itemized by the State Board of Health.

TRANSFER STUDENT FROM OTHER SYSTEMS

- A. Copy of withdrawal form from previous school.
- B. Records from previous school, including academic and discipline transcripts.
- C. Current Georgia immunization certificate.
- D. No financial obligations to previous school in order for records to be released.

- D. Copy of custody papers of applicable.
- E. Psychological and/or educational data pertinent to enrollment.
- F. Copy of commitment order if applicable.
- G. To transfer with credit a student must have been enrolled in school up to time of transfer if eight (8) days in the semester have lapsed.
- H. If applicable, plan for care established by the non-traditional residential facility, Department of Human Resources, juvenile court, and other agency to include purpose of placement; behavioral, educational and emotional status at time of placement, and current functioning.

RE-ADMISSION AFTER DROP

- A. Must return to school by day 3 of the new semester if off roll previous semester accompanied by parent or guardian.
- B. Must clear all financial obligation to school from previous semesters before being re-admitted.

ADOPTED:
LAST REVISED:

Pickens County School District