

Acceleration & Credit Recovery options allowed for OPHS students

Acceleration (first-time credit):

- Students may not take classes in lieu of taking OPHS classes from any outside school or college.
- First-time credit approval will only be granted for available classes taken through the “Oak Park Education Foundation” Summer School.

There are several reasons for this policy:

1. The OPHS Faculty is very protective of the status of what an Oak Park diploma stands for, and if we were to allow students to bypass our courses by taking classes on the outside it would diminish that status.
2. When the OPHS administration allows the Friends of Oak Park Schools to offer a class like World History, or Health/Geography over the summer it is based on the understanding that it will be taught by an OPUSD instructor and that it will adhere to OPHS curriculum standards.
3. In this era of dynamic District of Choice (DOC) enrollment, OPHS Administration must be very meticulous about managing class sizes. So, they are very prescriptive about how many students they will allow to take a particular class over the summer because it will impact the number of sections of that class that can be taught next year. If OPHS Administration were to allow students to take classes for acceleration without restrictions it would compromise their ability to manage enrollments, and even potentially jeopardize teacher's jobs if students were allowed to take classes on the outside in lieu of our own.

Options that can be considered for remedial/credit recovery - with prior written Counselor or Administrator approval:

Students who have not completed the recommended subject or credit requirements by the end of the school year before seeking enrollment or transfer to OPHS, may remediate credit or subject deficiencies during the summer prior to the start of the school year. However, students seeking enrollment at OPHS for the fall semester must meet the same remediation standards as current Oak Park High School students.

The Student must see his/her Counselor for approval prior to starting the course(s) with the Request to Enroll in a “Non-OPUSD Outside Courses” form. The form is available in the counseling office or can be downloaded from our website: <https://goo.gl/tohSt8>

It is the responsibility of the student/parent to research the different options to determine the best choice for the individual student. The program must be approved by WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges), for OPHS to put the credits on your transcript.

Examples of remedial/credit recovery programs that students may enroll in - with prior written Counselor or Administrator approval:

- Oak Park Education Foundation Summer School program: <http://www.oakparkeducationfoundation.org/>
- Conejo Schools ‘Get Ahead’ Program: <http://www.conejoschools.org/events/get-ahead-program>
- Fusion Academy: <http://www.fusionacademy.com/fusion-campus-location/warner-center/welcome>
- Halstrom Academy: <http://www.halstromacademy.org/campus/westlakevillage/>
- LA Pierce Community College: <http://www.piercecollege.edu/>
- Method Charter Schools: <http://www.methodschoools.org/>
- (OFL) Opportunities for Learning Charter schools: <https://emsofl.com/>
- Ventura County Community College (Moorpark, Ventura, Oxnard): <http://www.vcccd.edu/students>
- Vista Real Charter School: <http://vrchs.org/>

Online remedial/credit recovery programs that students may enroll in - with prior written Counselor or Administrator approval:

For the purposes of remediation/credit recovery only, students may take courses through an accredited online program. The online school’s courses must have also been approved by the University of California. You can view the list of UC approved providers at the following link on the UC website: <https://hs-articulation.ucop.edu/agcourselist#/list/search/institution> Students must obtain prior written approval from an OPHS Administrator or Counselor prior to registering for any remedial online courses.

Examples would be:

- Apex Learning Virtual School: <https://www.apexlearningvs.com/>
- BYU Online (Teacher-Led courses with UC approval only): <http://is.byu.edu/site/index.cfm>
- Laurel Springs: <http://laurelsprings.com/>
- LanguageBird, LLC: <https://www.languagebird.com/>
- National University Virtual High School: <http://www.nuvhs.org/>