

## HOW IT WORKS

**REFERRAL:** The school administrator, or counselor will make a referral to the program coordinator.

**MEETING:** The student and parent/guardian will meet with the coordinator, sign application, and acknowledge agreement with the terms of admission and program requirements.

**INSTRUCTIONAL ASSIGNMENTS:** The coordinator will assign needed class & style of learning. PLATO®, an online learning system, or book based learning.

**CREDITS:** The credits earned in the program will be transcribed for the student upon completion of each credit.

**RETURNING TO SCHOOL:** Students may return to school upon successful completion of individual remediation plans, regardless of the number of hours of instruction.

**AMOUNT OF CREDITS:** Students may recover multiple credits. Coordinator and student will discuss how many credits student will work on at one time.



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## Credit Recovery Credit Accumulation



### **PROGRAM GOAL:**

-To offer all high school students the opportunity to make up credits and pursue their personal goals.

### **STUDENT GOAL:**

- Recover credits and return to their current high school by the next semester.
- Discover a new alternative path to their high school diploma.

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# THE GRAD CONNECTION PROGRAM

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## WHY GRAD CONNECT?

- ◆ Credit recovery is an important strategy for dropout prevention. Students who miss or fail academic courses are at greater risk of dropping out of school.
- ◆ Dropouts earn \$9,200 less per year than high school graduates and \$1 million less over a lifetime than college graduates.
- ◆ Learning is self-paced and put into real world context. Students are able to earn credits more rapidly, gain self confidence, and graduate on time.

## OVERVIEW

- ◆ *CREDIT RECOVERY*: classes are designed for students who failed required classes and need to make up credits for graduation.
- ◆ *CREDIT ACCUMULATION*: offers students the opportunity to complete courses required for graduation.

## PURPOSE OF CREDIT RECOVERY & ACCUMULATION

1. Retake high school credits.
2. Meet Graduation Rate Deadlines.
3. Prevent drop outs.
4. Prepare students for ITED exams.
5. Help students who have dropped out re-engage in school and their future.
6. Offer an opportunity for students who are not succeeding in their high school to finish out the semester and work to catch up and return.
7. Provide educational equity to each student.

## SENIORS: GRAD PROGRAM

Seniors entering the program may be offered the following opportunities:

- ◆ Service Learning
- ◆ An alternative schedule at their home school
- ◆ Credit recovery classes at various sites
- ◆ Community Wellness
- ◆ Cooperative Work Experience

## PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS:

*INSTRUCTIONAL ASSIGNMENTS*, whether computer based or teacher based will be aligned with the Iowa academic content standards approved by the State Board of Education.

*HOURS IF INSTRUCTION* are not relevant to credit recovery.

*RESPECT AND COOPERATION* are the basis of this independent learning, and students who do not respond to the expectations of the program may be removed.

*ATTENDANCE AND ADEQUATE PROGRESS* are requirements and students may be removed if not meeting these standards.

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