

ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What constitutes a credit?

A: A credit is equivalent to 120 hours of work. This compares to about 40 / 50 minutes per day for about 180 days of school (about one year).

Q: How many credits are normal for a year?

A: The norm is 7-10 credits per year. For the basics (English, Math, Science and Social Studies) most students earn one credit in each of these per year. However, students may be able to earn more. The norm for Art, Music Physical Education, and other electives vary from a quarter credit (.25) and up depending on the amount of time spent.

Q: What if the whole textbook/course was not finished?

A: Partial credit (.25, .5, .75) may be awarded for the amount done. The balance may be awarded when (and if) it is finished. However, please see the first part of the question section to determine if, according to the amount of time you put in, the entire credit can be awarded. Just because you did not finish the entire book does not mean you did not do a full year's worth of work (example to parents – Did you EVER finish a textbook in high school? But you did receive a whole credit, didn't you?)

Q: I didn't use a textbook. How do I determine the credit to give?

A: You must use your judgement here. If the student worked consistently on something, award a reasonable credit amount. For example, I spend several hours each week searching our family tree on the Internet, using library resources, etc. When I am finished, I figure I have spent over 60 hours. I then award .5 credit in Genealogy (History).

Q: We do not award grades. Can I use a pass/fail system on the transcript?

A: Yes. Grades are helpful, but not mandatory. But be prepared in case the college of your choice asks you to explain your grading system.

Q: What about a transcript?

A: Each year you must complete a High School Credit Report Form listing the courses completed that year, the final grade and the credits earned. High school transcripts will be based on the credit information received on the High School Credit Report Form. This form must be submitted annually upon completion of a grade level. A transcript will then be available whenever you need one for entering or transferring schools, applying for scholarships, and other proof of grades (for auto insurance discounts), etc. A completed credit report must be received at least one week before a request for a transcript can be fulfilled.

Q: How do I take the College Admissions Tests?

A: You may request information packets for the S.A.T. (Part 1 or 2) or the A.C.T. from the school by calling (410) 658-3318. These packets include the application you need as well as the dates and locations to choose from. For those planning to take either exam, please use our school code number (210419) on your application so we will receive a copy of your results. You can also register on line at www.collegeboard.org.

Q: Will I receive a diploma?

A: Yes. Our graduates receive a high school diploma. **Please Note:** Diplomas issued by Conowingo Rising Sun are not accredited by the Maryland Board of Ed. A graduation information package, which explains the process of receiving the diploma is mailed to each student registered as a twelfth grader at the beginning of each school year. Former students are attending colleges and universities both in and out of state. Most Community Colleges will allow high school students to take classes on their campuses even though they have not yet graduated. Requirements vary by school. This is one good way to complete your high school math and science requirements. Call your local school for details on their admissions. Financial aid may be available at the college you are considering attending.

Q: Is there a graduation ceremony?

A: CRSCS is not offering a group graduation this year. However, this may vary from year to year depending on interest and participation. The graduates and their parents must decide what type of ceremony they want and make the appropriate arrangements. If you are a member of C.H.E.N., then you may participate in their graduation ceremony. Other options may include a dinner/party with family and friends or participation in a Church graduation ceremony. Any type of graduation is available if you are willing to make the necessary preparations.