

<b>Award of Credit</b>	The award of credit for a course affirms that a student has satisfactorily met state and local requirements. <i>19 TAC 74.26(a)</i>
Early Award of Credit	A district may offer courses designated for grades 9–12 in earlier grade levels. Credit must be awarded if the student has demonstrated achievement by meeting the standard requirements of the course, including demonstrated proficiency in the subject matter, regardless of the time the student received instruction in the course or the grade level at which proficiency was attained. The academic achievement record (transcript) shall reflect that students have satisfactorily completed courses at earlier grade levels from grades 9–12 and have been awarded state graduation credits. <i>19 TAC 74.26(b)</i>
Partial Award	<p>In accordance with a district’s local policy, a student who is able to successfully complete only one semester of a two-semester course can be awarded credit proportionately. <i>19 TAC 74.26(d)</i></p> <p>A district shall award credit proportionately to a student who is homeless or in substitute care who successfully completes only one semester of a two-semester course. <i>19 TAC 74.26(e)</i></p>
Attendance for Credit or Final Grade	Unless credit is awarded by the attendance committee, or regained in accordance with a principal’s plan [see FEC], a student in any grade level from kindergarten through grade 12 may not be given credit or a final grade for a class unless the student is in attendance for at least 90 percent of the days the class is offered. <i>Education Code 25.092</i>
<b>Graduation Requirements</b>	Credit for courses for high school graduation may be earned only if the student received a grade equivalent to 70 on a scale of 100, based upon the essential knowledge and skills of each course. Credit earned toward state graduation requirements in an accredited school district shall be transferable and must be accepted by any other school district in the state. <i>19 TAC 74.26(a)(1), (c)</i>
<b>Academic Achievement Record</b>	<p>Following guidelines developed by the commissioner of education, a district shall use an academic achievement record (transcript) form that includes student demographics, school data, student data, and the record of courses and credits earned.</p> <p>The academic achievement record (transcript) shall serve as the academic record for each student and shall be maintained permanently by a district.</p> <p>Any credit earned by a student must be recorded on the academic achievement record (transcript), regardless of when the credit was earned.</p>

A student's performance on a state assessment, including an end-of-course assessment instrument required under Education Code 39.023(c) [see EKB], must be included in the student's academic achievement record (transcript).

Copies of the record shall be made available to students transferring to another district. A district shall respond promptly to all requests for student records from receiving districts. [See also FD, FDA, and FL]

*Education Code 28.025(e), 39.023(c-5); 19 TAC 74.5(b)–(d)*

**Transcript Seals** Students who complete high school graduation requirements shall have attached to the academic achievement record (transcript) a seal approved by the State Board of Education. *19 TAC 74.5(e)*

**Endorsement** Students who complete the requirements for an endorsement shall have the endorsement clearly indicated on the academic achievement record (transcript).

**Performance Acknowledgment** Students who earn a performance acknowledgment shall have the performance acknowledgment clearly indicated on the academic achievement record (transcript).

**Distinguished Level of Achievement** Students who earn the distinguished level of achievement shall have the distinguished level of achievement clearly indicated on the academic achievement record (transcript).

*Education Code 28.025(e-1); 19 TAC 74.5(f)–(h), .11(b)*

**Certificate of Coursework Completion** A student who completes all graduation requirements except for required end-of-course assessment instruments may be issued a certificate of coursework completion. The academic achievement record (transcript) shall include a notation of the date a certificate of completion was issued to the student. [See FMH for participation in the graduation ceremony.] *19 TAC 74.5(i)*

**Early High School Graduation Scholarship Program** For purposes of the Early High School Graduation Scholarship Program, a student who does not satisfy the curriculum requirements for a recommended or advanced high school program is considered to have satisfied those requirements if the high school from which the student graduated indicates on the student's transcript that the student was unable to complete the appropriate curriculum within the time prescribed solely because of a reason beyond the student's control, such as lack of enrollment capacity or a shortage of qualified teachers. *Education Code 56.203(d)*