

CSDE is Now Offering Free Credit Recovery Courses for Summer 2010!

It's not just about recovering credits.
It's about recapturing the joy of learning.

Through a partnership with Florida Virtual School, the Connecticut State Department of Education is pleased to invite your district to participate in a pilot program that provides online summer school courses to students who need to "recover" credits needed for graduation.

Florida Virtual School courses are designed around practical applications, and are structured to engage students – the way we'd like all classes to be (face-to-face and virtual). With assistance from their district, students can register for the following credit recovery courses:

- English I, II, III & IV
- Algebra I, II & Geometry
- American History, World History, American Government & Economics
- Biology, Earth Space Science, Physical Science & Physics
- Middle School Math 1, 2 & 3

Before beginning each credit recovery course, students will take assessments that determine what they have already learned from previously taking the course. As a result, they will be able to skip content they already know and focus only on course content they have yet to master. Through the pilot, students will work on the course each day and complete the daily assignment, from school and/or home on a school, personal or community-based Internet connected computer.

In the first 1 1/2 years that Florida Virtual School implemented this program, students had a success rate of approximately 90% in taking these courses.

Of course, for some students (Florida Virtual School has not found this to be the majority), the entire course will need to be retaken, which can also be done online. In these cases, the credit recovery version of the course would not be appropriate. In the future however, we hope to be able to use online courses like these to intervene before an entire year has been "lost" and allow a student to catch up and be able to succeed in a traditional class.

THERE WILL BE NO COST TO THE FIRST 300 STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT.
After this summer pilot period, the per student cost per credit recovery course is \$150.



Speak with your staff about offering this exciting opportunity to students in your district!

For more information on this credit recovery program in Connecticut, contact Karen Kaplan at karen.kaplan@ct.gov. If you are ready to enroll students, email the enrollment spreadsheet to Jake Webb at jawebb@flvs.net. Questions on credit recovery course content and structure should be directed to Elaine McCall at 352.870.0573, or emccall@flvs.net.