

Who is eligible to take an advanced course on a pass/fail basis?

- Available to juniors and seniors who wish to take one (1) or two (2) courses in certain areas of study that are **beyond the requirements for graduation**.
- These two credits must be in addition the 26 credits required for graduation on the Foundation + Endorsement Program or the 22 credits required for graduation on the Foundation High Program.
- To take the third- or fourth-year courses in the four-year elective programs on a pass/fail basis, the student must have credit for the first two courses in the elective program sequence.
- The student should also have an overall B or above average for other courses completed in the field of study.
- The student must meet the prerequisites of each course and have parent, teacher, and counselor approval.

How many pass/fail courses is a student allowed to take?

- Juniors: You may take only 1 credit on a pass/fail basis
- Seniors: You may take only 1 credit on a pass/fail basis UNLESS you did not take one during your junior year. If you DID NOT take 1 credit on a pass/fail basis during your junior year, then you may take 2 credits on a pass/fail basis during your senior year.

Who really benefits from this option?

The student who will obtain the maximum benefit from this option is the student who :

- Is both academically-able and is talented in or has a keen interest in one of the identified courses of study;
- Will have more credits than the twenty-two (foundation program) or twenty-six (foundation+ endorsement program) required for graduation;
- Will have **more K-level academic courses than L-level courses** on the final transcript; and
- Earns mostly grades of A in ALL courses of study (has a GPA of 6.0 or higher).

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Note: The student described above will achieve a grade point average that is almost identical to the grade point average he/she would obtain if two K-level courses were attempted instead of enrollment in and completion of the pass/fail courses. This option works in this way because the total number of K-level courses is greater than the number of L-level courses.

This option does not alter class rank for students with few or no K-level courses; in fact, a pass/fail class may lower a student's GPA if he/she takes all L-level courses and earns any grade lower than an A.

How are grades handled in a pass/fail course?

Students who are eligible and choose to take one of the advanced courses for a pass/fail grade

- will receive a numerical grade all year on the report card, and
- will receive a P (pass) or F (fail) on the transcript

These courses will not be included in the computation of grade point averages and class rank.

What are the performance standards for these courses?

- Students must complete all of the assigned work just as if they were enrolled in the class on a non-pass/fail basis.
- Students must take all tests associated with the course unless exempt from the final exam through grades earned and attendance
- To maintain eligibility to stay in the pass/fail course for the second semester, the student's semester average must be passing.
Exception: If the student is in a K-level foreign language course, K-level eligibility standards must be maintained.

Note: Students will receive a numerical grade on the report card for each grading period. Only the transcript will reflect a P (passing) or F (failing).

How will grades in a pass/fail course affect eligibility for extra-curricular activities?

- The numerical grades earned in a pass/fail course will be used to determine eligibility for participation in all UIL or school-sponsored activities.
- In addition, numerical grades will also be used to determine honor roll each grading period; academic awards eligibility, including admission to organizations such as National Honor Society; criteria used in selection of students for various positions such as drill team officers, class officers; exam exemptions; entrance and exit in K-level courses, etc.

What should I do next?

- Talk to your parents about pass/fail and see if it is a good option for you.
- You will get a copy of the Google form you submit acknowledging you received this information that you can review with your parents. Information is also posted on the Academics section of the Cy Ridge website.
- If you would like to apply for pass/fail, visit the counselors office or the Cy Ridge website to pick up the forms. You can also contact your counselor with questions.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18th