

# *Credits*

## *Costanoa High School*

*Use your mind well. ❖ Do the right thing. ❖ Work hard.*

Different from comprehensive high schools, we do not give grades and credits are “variable”, which means they are awarded according to student productivity, effort, and the quality of the work.

### **Points**

One point is earned for each class period of on-task learning. Advisory is a longer class period, so one class period of on-task learning in advisory equals 1.3 points. Teachers may give fractions of points.

### **Points Converted to Credits**

Fifteen points equals one credit.

### **Credits**

- Credits are primarily awarded for student learning that is assessed, not just for work completion.
- When assigning credits, teachers aim to be consistent with other teachers and within each class, yet responsive to individual student needs and ability levels.
- An actively engaged student should typically earn five credits in a semester and six for advisory.
- Students who voluntarily complete homework may earn more credit.
- Credits are motivators for students and will be used as such by teachers.
- Advisors will inform the principal if a student may earn more than 35 credits in one semester.

### **No Grades**

When students need detailed academic information for scholarship applications or insurance discounts, we will add a narrative evaluation to the credit report.

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