



# Credit by Demonstrated Mastery (CDM): *Ensuring Growth for NC's Students*

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# What is Credit by Demonstrated Mastery?

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**CDM is the process by which a student may earn credit for a high school course by demonstrating a deep understanding of the content; without course enrollment or seat time**

**SBE Policy:  
GCS-M-001,  
December  
2012/2013**

# Why was CDM adopted?



- To ensure students have personalized learning in our public schools to optimally grow and have effective seat time to learn new content.
- To ensure there is a clear process for earning course credit without seat-time or traditional learning experience. Build upon existing policies.
- To respond to needs of students, families, AIG community, school personnel and leadership.

# How was CDM developed?



- Working Group: Internal DPI staff of various perspectives; NCVPS; LEA representatives
- Discussions with AIG and Curriculum and Instruction Groups
- Other state research: At least 19 other states have policies related to earning credit without seat-time
- **UPDATES:** Input from current implementation

# For whom is CDM intended?



- Any NC public school student who is able to show a deep understanding of the content without seat-time and classroom learning experience
- Not intended initially for the masses; intended for highly advanced students of the content
- Student does not need to be AIG or anything...

# How does a student earn CDM?



## Multi-phase assessment

- Phase 1: Student examination demonstrating foundational knowledge, using an EOC, CTE or other LEA exam
- Phase 2: Student artifact demonstrating application of knowledge, such as Capstone Projects in CTE courses
- Other evidence as LEA deems necessary

# Implementation, SBE Dec. 2013



- Optional implementation in current year.
  - 19 LEAs participating this semester.
  - Testing window opened this week, runs through 2/28/14.
- Implementation for all high schools in 2014-15 to inform student placement in 2014-15 and 2015-16.
- Middle grades content is optional.

# How do I get started? Support?



- DPI Implementation Guide with Tool Kit
  - Minimum assessment standards, Level 4
  - Recommendations for implementation and sample documents
- Initial webinars in April
- On-going support



# Comments from LEAs

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## Benefits Challenges

# DISCUSSION

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# Commonly Asked Questions

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- Do we have to make separate and new assessments for every high school course?
  - NO. LEAs may use any assessment they believe represents the content of the course.
  - Idea: Collect current tests and have a committee choose one to use.
  - Begin with the courses based on need.

# Commonly Asked Questions

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- Is CDM just for AIG students?
  - NO. CDM is an opportunity for any student to demonstrate a deep understanding of a particular course.
- Can LEAs just use an exam (Phase 1) and not do the artifact (Phase 2)?
  - NO. SBE policy states that CDM will be earned through a multi-phase assessment.



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# CDM WIKI

[www.cdm.ncdpi.wikispaces.net](http://www.cdm.ncdpi.wikispaces.net)

Ideas from LEAs will be added

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