

## Plano ISD

### Course Averaging (Beginning 2011-12 school year)

#### Frequently Asked Questions

**1. What is the policy for awarding credit through course averaging?**

With the exception of high school credit courses taken in middle school, a student may be awarded credit for a full year course by either earning a grade of 70 or above in both semesters or by earning a grade of 70 or above when both semester grades are averaged together.

**2. When does course averaging apply?**

Averaging of the two semesters may only be applied the first time a student takes each semester of the course.

**3. Is there an impact on grade points?**

No. Grade points will be awarded based on semester grades earned. The averaging of the two semesters will apply only to accruing of credit, not GPA.

**4. Does course averaging apply to all courses?**

No. Averaging will not be applied to credit gained through Credit By Exam, correspondence courses, or non-Plano ISD online courses. Also excluded are Collin College dual-credit courses when both semesters are taken.

**5. What credit classes are eligible for course averaging?**

The practice of determining credit by averaging the two semesters will be applied to courses students take during the day, night school, Plano ISD eSchool, and summer school.

**6. Where will the course average be posted?**

The average of both semesters will be posted on the student transcript and the student report card.

**7. Can course setting be mixed for averaging?**

Yes, for example, one semester taken during the school day and one semester taken during summer school.

**8. Can averaging be applied outside the academic year?**

Yes.

**9. Can averaging be applied when semesters are different levels of the same course?  
(For example, the student moves from honors to regular.)**

Yes

**10. Can a student use a course average on one semester of Pre-calculus and one semester of Math Independent Studies?**

No.

**11. Can a student use course average on one semester of Algebra II and one semester of Math Models?**

No

**12. Can a Collin College dual enrollment course be averaged with a Plano ISD course?**

Yes.

**13. If a student comes from another district can they participate in course averaging?**

Yes – if the student took one semester of the course for the first time in PISD.

**14. Can a student average a semester of a course that has been “absence failed”?**

No – unless any assigned make-up hours are completed prior to the end of the semester.