
TRANSCRIPTS FROM NON-ACCREDITED SCHOOLS POLICY

Sage Oak Charter Schools (“Sage Oak,” “SOCS,” or the “Charter School”) adopt the Transcripts from Non-Accredited Schools Policy to apply to students enrolled in SOCS. This policy aligns with Education Code sections 47605, 51225.3, and 51228, which require governing boards to establish clear criteria for credit acceptance and graduation requirements.

Sage Oak strives to provide a rich, personalized path toward meeting graduation requirements. We welcome transfer students from all educational backgrounds. When a student enrolls with Sage Oak from a non-accredited school or homeschool we must vet the courses and credits being claimed before we add those courses and credits to our transcript.

Policy for Accepting Credits on Transcripts from Non-Accredited Schools and Homeschools

Sage Oak will evaluate transcripts from a student’s previous school and grant credit toward Sage Oak graduation requirements if the credits were earned at an accredited school and are credits that could have been earned at Sage Oak.

Grade Level Placement

Sage Oak will place students based on the grade level that corresponds with their 9th-grade cohort year in CALPADS.

Students who enroll from non-accredited schools or homeschools with no CALPADS history will be placed in the grade level commensurate with the number of credits they have earned toward graduation requirements at the discretion of student services department staff.

Students requesting enrollment in a grade level based on the grade level in which they were enrolled at the non-accredited school or homeschool that is not in alignment with the grade level from previous CALPADS history must provide documentation from the list below proving that the student was accelerated or retained during the enrollment in the non-accredited school or homeschool.

Non-Accredited Schools/Homeschools

Students presenting transcripts/credits from homeschool and/or non-accredited schools will be asked to provide additional documentation listed below for those courses, including but not limited to work samples, test scores, or projects for each course. These will be evaluated by Sage Oak High School staff, and credits will be granted at the discretion of student services department staff. Generally, Sage Oak will accept a maximum of 40 credits per semester. Sage

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Oak will ensure additional safeguards for students with an IEP or 504 plan and mandates consultation with the special education department before denying credit.

Documentation Requirements

Students/parents/guardians must submit the following:

1. Five work samples per course per semester that represent course mastery
2. A list of curricula used per course
3. A summary of [standards](#) met per course
 - a. Examples of acceptable samples include:
 - i. Graded midterm or final exam
 - ii. Significant/in-depth project
 - b. Transcript or grade report from vetted curriculum provider (e.g. Blue Tent, Apex, BYU)
 - c. Assessment results indicating proficiency/mastery. Examples include:
 - i. SAT Subject test score of 560
 - ii. Local assessment scores - iReady at or above grade level
 - iii. Diagnostic Exams for Core Subjects

Parents/guardians must provide transcripts and work samples/evidence within one week of the initial phone call from their EA or high school phone call or email request.

Students will be placed at the grade level commensurate with their 9th-grade cohort year as listed within CALPADS. If that data is not available, students will be placed based on their birthdate.

Sage Oak may accept a maximum of 40 credits per semester for courses taken in high school (9-12) as follows:

1. Eight 5-credit core courses (English, history, math, science, VAPA, LOTE, and two elective courses).
2. Courses are accepted at the discretion of the High School Principal and/or Director of Student Services.
3. Courses that earn credit will receive a CR on the Sage Oak Charter School transcript.