

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Supplementary Weighting – Concurrent Enrollment – PSEO Courses

1) How will supplementary weighting be calculated for courses?

Supplementary weighting for concurrent enrollment courses will be calculated multiplying Section FTE X Student Enrollment X supplementary weighting factor (0.46 or 0.70). Section FTE is calculated by dividing the community college's instructional minutes by the school's total instructional minutes for the year. Student enrollment will be generated from course enrollments included in Fall and Spring EASIER files. The assigned supplementary weighting factor is assigned by the following criteria: Arts and Sciences = 0.46, career and technical = 0.70.

2) Can a concurrent enrollment course be used to meet offer and teach requirements?

Concurrent enrollment courses can not be used to meet offer and teach (Chapter 12 accreditation requirements) in any areas.

Districts not meeting the minimum accreditation requirement within an area cannot claim supplementary weighting for concurrent enrollment courses within that same curricular area. District can be cited by School Improvement for failing to meet minimum accreditation standards and will be notified that an audit adjustment is required, if a course was found to have been included as eligible for supplementary weighting in Certified Enrollment.

3) Can a district teach a community college course over the span of one year by identifying the first half of the course as a local district course and claim the second half of the course as a concurrent enrollment course?

Since community college courses are designed to be taught within a term, there are no year-long community college courses. For a course to be eligible for supplementary weighting, a course must be taught utilizing the community college syllabus. Since the content of a course is determined by the community college, and each syllabus must be turned into the community college by the adjunct faculty member, failure to teach the community college course within the term invalidates the course as a concurrent enrollment course and disqualifies the course from supplementary weighting eligibility.

4) Can a district offer the same course from a community college as both a concurrent enrollment and a PSEO course?

No. In order for a district to enter into an agreement with a community college for concurrent enrollment courses, the district cannot have a comparable course offering. Iowa Code 261E.2 states that "*Concurrent enrollment*" means any course offered to students in grades nine through twelve during the regular school year approved by the board of directors of a school district through a contractual agreement between a community college and the school district that meets the provisions of [section 257.11, subsection 3](#). The school board has approved the course and its offering to students. Therefore, such a course is not available to students through PSEO. According to Iowa Code 261E.6, "A comparable course, as defined in rules adopted by the board of directors of the school district consistent with department administrative rule, must not be offered by the school district or accredited nonpublic school the student attends."

Therefore, a course offered as a concurrent enrollment course cannot also be available to students in the same district as a PSEO course.