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Credit can be earned toward High School Graduation several ways-

- Completing a credit bearing course at UME Prep
- Presenting a transcript from another high school with credits earned. These are individually evaluated for acceptance toward graduation requirements.
- Credit By Exam – Example- UT and Texas Tech are two institutions that have CBE programs for High School Courses
- Summer school, TTUISD, Other Online/Distance Courses
- UME STRONGLY RECOMMENDS you request pre-approval for transfer credit BEFORE enrolling in a course.

# Earning Credits and Classification

- Student level classifications refer to the number of credits a student has earned toward graduation.
  - Freshman: 0 – 5.5 credits
  - Sophomore: 6 – 11.5 credits
  - Junior: 12 – 17.5 credits
  - Senior: >17.5 credits
- Course credit toward graduation from UME is earned through successful course completion, based on the TEKS. Credit earned outside UME Prep can be presented for transfer consideration. Transfer Credit is not automatic. Gaining pre- approval for transfer credits prior to taking a course outside UME or Credit by Exam is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**.
- A student that is not currently enrolled in enough credits to move up to the next classification at the end of the Spring semester, will need to meet with UME staff to determine options for meeting required minimums to graduate with their current class. This may include earning pre-approved credits outside UME.
- 8<sup>th</sup> graders may be recommended for registration in a credit bearing course

# COURSES TAKEN OUTSIDE UME PREP ACADEMY

- Students may wish to take courses outside of UME Preparatory Academy. Typical reasons for doing this include:
  1. To advance in a track (e.g. take Geometry over the summer after Freshmen year to advance a year in math)
  2. To recover lost credit (e.g. failed first semester of a course)
  3. To take a course not offered at UME Prep(e.g. take another language versus the one we offer)
- Students have four main options for this scenario:
  - 1.) Credit-By Exams
  - 2.) Correspondence Courses/Distance Learning
  - 3.) Summer School
  - 4.) TTUISD or TxVSN through their home high school