Website Q and A:
Transferring high school credits

1. Will weighted grade points from my former school be recognized?
   Weighted grade points earned at an accredited school will be accepted and awarded only for courses designated as PreAP/AP in Katy ISD. This also applies to transfer grades for IB courses and verified Pre IB courses. If a course or school is referred to as Pre IB, weighted grade points will be applied only if the course is part of the IB recognized Middle Years Program and the sending school or district offers an IB diploma program. Courses must be designated as PreAP/AP or IB/PreIB on the previous school’s transcript for weighted grade points to be awarded.

2. How are high school credits earned through home school accepted?
   If the student’s transcript is issued by an accredited home school provider, high school credits earned through home school are accepted and awarded as-is. If the student’s transcript is not issued by an accredited homeschool provider, the student must follow the guidelines for unaccredited schools for credits to be accepted and awarded.

3. Are high school credits earned at an unaccredited school accepted?
   Students must pass placement tests with a minimum score of 70 for credits to be accepted in all core subjects. The tests will be given only one time and will be administered before my student is enrolled in classes. If the student earns a 70 or better on the placement test, the course will be listed as accepted, and the grade earned at the previous school will be recorded on the transcript. If the student scores below 70, no grade will be recorded and student will be required to take the course.

4. How is high school grade level classification determined?
   Students are classified by the number of accepted high school credits they have earned at the beginning of the school year. All students who have completed 8th grade enter high school as freshmen, regardless of the number of credits earned in junior high, summer school, credit by exam and/or online learning. Freshman classification is up to five credits; sophomore classification requires a minimum 5.5 credits; junior classification requires a minimum 12 credits; and senior classification requires a minimum 19 credits.

5. How are incoming high school credits which were awarded using letter grades handled?
   Letter grades on a transcript that does not show a numerical value are converted to numeric grades in the mid-range of the Katy ISD grading scale as follows: A = 95; B = 85; C = 77; D = 72; and F = 65.

6. Students enrolling from out-of-state or country, or from private schools may have record of credits for courses that do not match those recognized by the state of Texas. If a matching course does not exist, the student may not receive credit for that course.

7. If a student has more than eight courses per year on an out of country transcript, we may ask students to provide seat time to award credits in proper increments.