



## Getting Started with Georgia Credit Recovery

Welcome to the credit recovery program developed by the Georgia Virtual School in conjunction with the Division of School and Leader Quality. This program was developed to assist school systems by providing an any-time, any-pace program. Below are some key features of the program:

1. All Georgia Public Schools may participate. The program is free to Georgia Public High Schools.
2. School systems must agree to follow the GAVS Credit Recovery guidelines to use the program.
  - a. Any student participating in the program must have previously failed the course for which they are seeking credit recovery.
  - b. A second grade must appear on the student's transcript to reflect the credit recovery credit.
  - c. Students must complete all unit tests in each course to show proficiency in the subject.
  - d. If the course requires an EOCT, the student must retake the test at the end of the credit recovery course.
3. Individual schools who participate in the program must provide a credit recovery monitor and complete an online training program before student will be enrolled. The monitor may be a current GAVS facilitator, school counselor, graduation coach, administrator, teacher, or any other qualified school personnel who will be designated as responsible for enrolling students, monitoring them and reporting grades.
4. The program is currently unavailable to private school, home-school students, and students outside of the state of Georgia.

### Course Availability:

#### Language Arts

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts  
American Literature  
British Literature

#### Mathematics

Algebra I  
Algebra II  
Geometry  
Adv. Algebra and Trig

#### Science

Physical Science  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Physics

#### Social Studies

Economics ½ unit  
American Government ½ unit  
US History  
World History  
World Geography

### Registration:

Registration is currently open for all courses. Students will be enrolled in courses each morning. Participation requirements include:

- Logging into the course within 10 days of registration
- Logging into course at least once every 30 days
- Completing the course in 22 calendar weeks

### More information:

For more information, contact [creditrecovery@gavirtualschool.org](mailto:creditrecovery@gavirtualschool.org). The Georgia Credit Recovery website ([www.gacreditrecovery.org](http://www.gacreditrecovery.org)) will be updated regularly with information about the credit recovery programs.



## Credit Recovery FAQs

### **What is the Georgia Credit Recovery Program?**

Credit recovery is traditionally defined as a way to “recover” credit for a course that a student was previously unsuccessful in earning academic credit towards graduation. It differs greatly from programs that allow students to earn “first time credit” in that students having already satisfied seat time requirements for a course in which they were unsuccessful can focus on earning credit based on competency of the content standards for the particular course. Credit recovery programs, in general, have a primary focus of helping students stay in school and graduate on time.

### **What is the cost of the credit recovery program?**

The program is offered at no charge to Georgia Public Schools who choose to participate. However, schools must provide a monitor/facilitator for these courses and this expense is not covered by the GA DOE.

### **Is there a limit to the number of credit recovery credits a student may earn in a semester?**

There is no limit to the number of credits earned per semester. However, students should only be enrolled in one GACR course at a time. Since enrollment is always open, students can be enrolled in another credit recovery as soon as they complete one.

### **How do schools participate in the credit recovery program?**

According to GACR policies, participating schools must have an onsite credit recovery monitor to enroll students into the program and to monitor the students’ progress. Requests for credit recovery monitor accounts can be made using the Request for Monitor online form at [www.gacreditrecovery.org](http://www.gacreditrecovery.org). Schools should also consider establishing student policies for the use of credit recovery.

### **Will students have access to communication with a certified teacher?**

The GAVS credit recovery course is a teacherless, any-time, any-pace model. Each course was created by a teacher certified in that academic area, however, the course is not monitored for student questions. Although the course is very comprehensive, and all efforts have been made for providing quality instruction, schools should provide access to content area teachers in case credit recovery students have questions about the content.

### **Is there a minimum failing grade which a student must receive before being eligible for credit recovery?**

No. Georgia Virtual School does not have any requirements as to minimum failing grades for credit recovery approval. That is a local school decision. However, schools are encouraged to evaluate the needs of the student based on his/her failing grade and determine if the credit recovery model is appropriate for that student.

### **Can students attending an alternative school enroll in credit recovery?**

Yes. Students must enroll through their home school. Monitors at the alternative school can be associated with more than one school in the school system. This will allow the monitors to review student activity from various system schools.

### **Does a student taking a credit recovery course have to take the EOCT?**

EOCT tests must be retaken for all EOCT credit recovery courses. Information is provided to the student within the course to contact the CR monitor at his/her school when they have completed the course to schedule the EOCT. The test is administered by the school during the regular administration of the test, or using the online mid month assessment. CR EOCT course final grades should be calculated as 85% of the student’s grade with EOCT counting 15%.

### **Can a student take a CR course during the school day?**

Schools should contact data reporting at the Georgia DOE if they plan on using the credit recovery program during the school day.

