

Innovative Approaches and Locally Developed Subject Area High School Credit Courses Approval Process



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**LOCALLY DESIGNED SUBJECT AREA COURSE FOR HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT
APPLICATION**

State Board of Education Regulation 43-234 allows a school in grades 9-12 to award credit for a locally designed Subject Area course if the course is aligned with the state academic standards for the particular subject area and if the course is approved by the local board of trustees and the State Superintendent of Education.

NOTE: Approval is not required from the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) for locally designed elective courses for which students receive elective credit. However, locally designed elective courses must be approved by the local board of trustees.

This application will be submitted once every three years. Please submit by June 30 to have the course approved for content-credit for the upcoming school year.

SCDE Approved Subject Area Course Code:
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Date Submitted	
District	
Application Prepared and Submitted by	
Name	
Position	
Mailing Address	
Phone Number, including area code	
E-mail address	
Locally Designed Subject Area Course for High School Credit Information	
Name of Locally Developed Subject Area Course for High School Credit	
Subject Area	
Length of Course	<input type="checkbox"/> Semester <input type="checkbox"/> Year
Grade Level(s)	
Course Beginning Date	
Course Ending Date	
Course Credit to be Awarded	<input type="checkbox"/> one unit <input type="checkbox"/> one-half unit
School(s) Where Course Will Be Implemented	
Does this course have the approval of the local board of trustees?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Teacher of the Locally Designed Subject Area Course

Teacher's Name	
South Carolina Teaching Credential Number	
List all area(s) of certification/endorsement that appear on the SC Teaching Credential	
List any specific experience(s) or training(s) the teacher may have in this area of study	

Please answer the following questions:

- 1. Provide a short description of the locally designed subject area course for high school credit the school would like to implement.**

2. Explain how the needs assessment conducted at the local level substantiates the need for the locally designed subject area course for high school credit.

3. List the criteria used for selecting students for the course, including prerequisite courses.

4. List the proposed teaching methodologies to be used in the course.

5. Provide a course syllabus or scope and sequence for this locally designed subject area course for high school credit which shows alignment with state curriculum standards and the text(s) to be used.

6. How does this locally designed subject area course for high school credit align to the subject area State Curriculum Standards?

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

I certify that this locally designed subject area course for high school credit will be taught by a highly qualified teacher, that the course is aligned with the state-adopted academic standards, and that the course was approved by local board of trustees for these schools.

_____ **Date** _____

Signature of the Teacher of the locally designed course for high school credit

_____ **Date** _____

Principal/Director of School where the locally designed course for high school credit will be offered

_____ **Date** _____

District Superintendent or Designee