

COLLEGE-READY ENGLISH AND MATH (CREAM)

What is the CREAM Program?

College-Ready English and Math is a program sponsored by the State of North Dakota that provides college remediation courses to college-bound high school students. The English remediation program is available for high school seniors, and the mathematics remediation program is available for high school juniors and seniors.

Does this program meet the requirements for Choice Ready?

This program provides an avenue for students to meet Choice Ready requirements.

Who is eligible to enroll in the CREAM program?

- College-bound seniors
- Seniors who did not meet the ACT benchmark needed for college-level English and mathematics courses; this is an English score of 18 or a math score of 21
- Seniors who have had difficulties with English and/or mathematics
- Juniors who have had difficulties in mathematics

How can students benefit from completing the CREAM program?

- Passing the posttest with a score of 70% or greater prevents the need to take college remediation courses required for college-level English and math courses
- Taking CREAM in high school saves students time and money in college that would be spent taking college remediation courses
- Taking CREAM reviews the skills students are tested on when they take the Accuplacer exam, required in some colleges and universities.
- The CREAM program may help students develop skills they are missing in English or mathematics
- The CREAM program is self-paced, so students learn time management skills that help increase success in college

How do students successfully complete the program?

- Students take a pretest at the beginning of the program. This identifies the skills on which they need to focus. They work through the program and take a post-test once they complete their work. If they score a 70% or better on the post-test, they have successfully completed the CREAM program.

Will colleges and universities accept the course?

Colleges and universities that are a part of the North Dakota University System accept students who have completed CREAM. Students complete the program with a 70% or higher score on the English and/or mathematics post-test. (NDUS Policy 413.1

What staffing is required for schools to implement CREAM?

The CREAM program requires a facilitator. The individual does not need to be an English or math teacher. Some smaller districts have the building principal or a counselor as a facilitator, while others use a retired teacher. The courses are fully built, so no lesson planning or preparation is needed. If the facilitator is not a math or English teacher, a certified teacher must be the teacher "on record" for teaching the course. A stipend is also available if the facilitator needs to work with students beyond their contracted hours (e.g., before or after school).

What does a facilitator need to do?

The facilitator must help the students set goals and plan their work for the week. They must monitor the students' progress to ensure they actively work in the program. If a child struggles with content beyond the facilitator's expertise, the individual may need to contact a math or English teacher for assistance. Usually, this would be the teacher "on record." The facilitator monitors the posttest given at the end of the program.

How are facilitators trained to manage the program?

Facilitators can access online training videos explaining how to manage and operate the program. Harmony Richman, the program facilitator, and McGraw-Hill's customer support will also answer their questions as they use the program and online platform. In addition, virtual webinars are conducted to answer questions and help guide facilitators through the platform and tasks they must complete.

What materials are needed for the program?

The facilitator and students must access a computer and the Internet to operate the program platform. The state will provide access to the program account and cover the cost of the platform access.

Will the program meet the North Dakota State Standards?

The program's content has been aligned with the North Dakota English Language Arts and Mathematics Content Standards and with the content of university-level remedial courses to ensure that students are covering the duplicate content that would be covered in college remedial courses.

Would CREAM provide students with high school graduation credits?

Schools may provide students with $\frac{1}{2}$ or one credit for the English and/or Math portion of CREAM. This is a decision made by the district. It is recommended that schools provide credit for CREAM. The CREAM codes are College Learning Lab-English 12 (05078) and College Learning Lab - Math 12 (11118). If offered for course credit, this course would appear on the students' e-Transcript in two locations. The course grade would appear in the courses area of the transcript, and the posttest score colleges and universities need would appear in the testing area; the posttest score will appear in the testing area if no credits are provided.

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