

## **Raleigh Charter High School Academic Enrichment Policy**

At Raleigh Charter High School, we encourage our students to enrich themselves and explore the world through opportunities available outside of our school. However, these programs are supplemental to, not in place of, a student's educational program at Raleigh Charter.

### **Summer Opportunities**

Students may choose to enroll in summer programs through other schools, institutions, and programs to enrich their lives and learning. However, students may not use these programs or courses to accelerate their high-school education or replace classes that they would take at Raleigh Charter High School. The required Healthful Living class is the only exception to this rule. At the discretion of school officials, students may take Healthful Living as a summer course at another institution for credit toward Raleigh Charter High School's graduation requirements.

### **Opportunities Concurrent to the School Year for Ninth, Tenth, and Eleventh Graders**

Students in grades nine, ten, and eleven take six classes at Raleigh Charter High School. During the academic year between the first and last days of school, students in the ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade may not enroll in academic programs with other schools, institutions, or opportunities that require school officials to sign permission or recommendation forms. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, other high schools, virtual schools, international programs, community colleges, colleges, and universities. Raleigh Charter High School does not allow students in the ninth, tenth, or eleventh grade to concurrently enroll in another institution or take classes for credit with another institution during the school year.

### **Opportunities Concurrent to the School Year for Twelfth Graders**

Students must enroll in a minimum of four courses at Raleigh Charter High School in their twelfth-grade year. During the academic year between the first and last days of school, students in the twelfth grade may request release time and permission to enroll in programs with other schools, institutions, or opportunities that require school officials to sign permission or recommendation forms. At the School's discretion, students may be allowed to take a reduced course load (from the normal six classes to four or five classes) and/or enroll in these programs. These opportunities are supplemental to, not in place of, a student's educational program at Raleigh Charter and will not be applied to credits needed for graduation. Any such courses will not appear on students' transcripts or satisfy Raleigh Charter High School graduation requirements.

### **Exceptions to these Guidelines**

At their discretion, school officials may allow an exception for a particular student. Exceptions typically fall into one of four categories.

1. Students who have completed all courses that Raleigh Charter High School offers in a specific subject area, prior to their senior year, may be allowed to enroll at another institution and be granted release time to do so. (For example, a student may have taken all math classes offered.)

2. Students in danger of not graduating from high school in four years may be allowed to recover credits through remediation programs.
3. Students' Individual Education Plans or 504 Plans, developed through the prescribed process under federal and state guidelines for these plans, may require programs and coursework outside of Raleigh Charter High School classes.
4. Students faced with medical exigencies may require programs and coursework outside of Raleigh Charter High School classes.

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