



Common Questions at Creekside High School



What do letter grades and credits mean?

Letter grades reflect the quality of work produced, but do not explain progress towards completing graduation requirements. The number of credits earned per class reflects the quantity of work produced. Students may receive grades ranging from "A through F" (A/Excellent; B/Above Average; C/Average; D/Below average; F/Fail; and NM/No Mark.

- ✓ A letter grade F/Fail means the student has failed to complete the required course work. A grade of NM/No Mark means the student has completed some course requirement work, but not enough to earn at least one credit.
- ✓ Both "F" and "NM" indicate zero credit was earned. Additionally, both "F" and "NM" negatively impact a student's grade point average (GPA).

We expect all students to perform at their potential and earn a minimum of three credits approximately every nine weeks per class enrolled. Credit is awarded in increments of 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0, 5.5 or 6.0.

When are Progress Reports and Grades Reports mailed home?

Progress Reports and **Grade Reports** will be sent home each quarter. See school calendar.

What is the homework policy?

HOMEWORK IS MADE AVAILABLE FROM EVERY TEACHER, EVERY DAY. Students are expected to daily 1) attend class, 2) work steadily on in-classroom assignments, and 3) complete additional homework assignments (extended class work assignments, research, special projects, presentations, book reports, etc.). **Students MUST TAKE ADVANTAGE OF COMPLETING HOMEWORK in order to make-up credit deficits.**

Can I smoke?

NO. State law makes it illegal for you to possess and/or use tobacco on campus, adjacent to the school, at school activities or anywhere in the city of Irvine and the State of California. (Penal Code Section 308.b). *"You can be arrested for possessing cigarettes or other tobacco products.... If you are arrested, you will be required to appear in Juvenile Court in Orange. Punishment will be either a \$75 fine or 30 hours of community service hours. Students 18 or older may not possess or use tobacco on campus. All IUSD facilities are tobacco-free environments.* If you need help to stop smoking, see any staff member.

Can I drive my car to school?

Driving your car to school is a privilege that demands complete responsibility. If you are under 18, you will have a Provisional Drivers License. During the first six months of your license California Department of Motors Vehicles codes states that you may not drive between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. or have passengers under the age of 20 in your car without an adult or certified driving instructor. Therefore, if you choose to drive students to school, or leave during class time, you will lose you driving privilege and may be cited by the Irvine Police Department. You are required to fill out the Student Commitment and Vehicle operations card. Each student who plans to drive to school must have a card on file in the office.

What is productive time?

"Productive time" is measured by the amount of attention and engagement you give to teacher directed activities. It includes participating in discussions, experiments, writing assignments, reading, simulations, projects, listening skills, and other activities.