

CTAE+ Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Question: Are just 9th graders starting high school this year eligible for CTAE+ ----- or does any student completing one of these pathways qualify (10th-12th graders)?

Response: Any high school student may take advantage of CTAE+ beginning 2024-25 regardless of the grade in which they are enrolled.

Question: Is there any guidance or recommendation about CTAE+ meeting admission requirements for University System of Georgia (USG)?

Response: At this time, CTAE+ prepares students to be successful for postsecondary pathways at Technical College System of Georgia (TCGS) institutions after graduation. If the University System of Georgia (USG) agrees to recognize CTAE+ coursework, the decision will be communicated to districts at that time.

Question: Is passing an EOPA required to earn the academic credit with the CTAE+ initiative or is passing the 3 courses enough to earn the academic credit?

Response: Passing an EOPA is not required by Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) to receive the academic credit with the CTAE+ initiative.

Question: With the new CTAE+ initiative, will our dual enrollment courses award students credit in the math, science or ELA courses?

Response: The rules for awarding credits for Dual Enrollment have not changed. Students are able to earn high school units of credit for CTAE dual enrollment courses taken through postsecondary institutions. LEAs shall award these units of credit as described in the State Board of Education Rule 160-4-2-.34 Dual Enrollment. However, CTAE dual enrollment courses aligned to one of the high school CTAE courses approved to count as the 4th science credit CANNOT be used to meet the 4th science high school graduation requirement (with the exception of ALHS1011).

For the new CTAE+ initiative, students can fulfill the fourth-course requirements for math, science, and ELA by completing one of the high school CTAE pathways identified in the CTAE+ guidance. Dual enrollment courses are not eligible for inclusion in the CTAE+ initiative.

Question: Can a student complete two ELA CTAE+ pathways and earn two ELA credits that count towards graduation?

Response: No, just one, for the 4th ELA requirement.

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Question: For Math and Science - there are 3 required courses, so a student could only take advantage of a CTAE+ pathway for the 4th course. Is that correct?

Response: Yes, that is correct.

Question: If a student completed one of the CTAE+ pathways prior to the upcoming school year, are districts supposed to retroactively add the corresponding CTAE+ English/Math/Science course to the student's transcript?

Response: Yes, that will be fine; Any high school student may take advantage of CTAE+ beginning in 2024-25 regardless of the grade in which they are enrolled. Students can fulfill the fourth-course requirements for math, science, and ELA by completing a CTAE+ pathway, but they can also earn the credit through traditional coursework.

Question: If a student completes more than one pathway within one of the designated CTAE+ areas, should (or can) the additional CTAE+ unit be counted as an elective?

Response: Students may only earn one fourth-course credit in each of the three core academic areas through CTAE+. Additional CTAE+ pathways completed would count as electives. (The guidance doesn't explicitly state this, however, it does not do any good for a student to earn multiple CTAE+ credits in the same area. We also limit embedded CTAE core course credit to 3 units per 160-5-1-.15)

Question: Will additional CTAE+ pathways be added? If so, when will this occur?

Response: Additional CTAE+ pathways may be added, but we do not have a timeline at this time. (Seven new CTAE+ pathways for 4th Math credit were added).

Question: Computer Science was listed as a CTAE+ Math pathway but we do not see a corresponding course number in the math section of the state funded guide. Will the CTAE+ course number be added?

Response: The computer science pathway option was removed effective July 1, 2024, due to a course in this pathway sequence already counting as core credit.

Question: Will CTAE+ credits count toward the HOPE scholarship GPA calculation?

Response: If the LEA chooses to establish a policy to assign a course grade and if the LEA assigns the course grade, then the course grade would count as any 4th ELA, Math, or Science for HOPE.

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Question: Can CTAE+ pathways count as part of the required core course secondary credits for Accelerated Career Diploma?

Response: For students pursuing an Accelerated Career Diploma, CTAE+ pathways can now count toward state-funded core credit as part of the required secondary credits. For example, the Advance Accounting pathway can count as both a CTAE pathway and a mathematics state-funded core course credit. A single pathway cannot count for credit for more than one state-funded core course. Students must continue to take high school courses with End of Course exams.



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