

Dear Parents and Students:

Did you know that you may receive college credit for taking classes at AHS? No, I'm not talking about Dual Credit classes. I'm talking about classes being offered in the Career and Technology Department.

Argyle High School has Local Articulation Agreements with NCTC and Grayson County College that will allow students of our courses to petition for credit through these schools. Here are the requirements:

- Enroll in a CATE class at AHS
- Register on CATEMA (this is done in class)
- Work hard, make good grades and challenge yourself in class
- Get approved for credit by your AHS instructor

Upon completion of the class, petition either school to award you credit for the class.

It's that simple! Students may receive college credit(s) for these courses simply by registering, receiving recommendation and asking for the credit.

How does this work? At the beginning of the school year, all students enrolled in a CATE class register through their AHS class. An articulation meeting is held with our teachers and the instructors of the articulated class to make sure that the content is aligned and meets set standards. Once this has been determined, a Local Articulation Agreement is granted.

At the end of the course, our teachers log on to the CATEMA system and approve the students who have met the requirements. Our students may then complete a petition for credit through NCTC or Grayson County. Once it has been verified that the student successfully completed the articulated course, credit will be granted. **The only requirement is that they be enrolled at NCTC or GCC, either through summer coursework or dual credit at AHS. Most of our students will qualify through NCTC's dual credit program.**

This is a great way to receive college credit for courses taken here at AHS. Students do not have to pay tuition or purchase expensive texts for these classes. We had four early graduates petition and receive a total of 16 credits for a savings of over \$1600 last spring. If every senior who is eligible to receive credit petitions for it again this year, we will generate a potential savings of \$12,138 for these students! Please encourage your student to take advantage of this great savings!

If you have further questions, you may email me at [bspain@argyleisd.com](mailto:bspain@argyleisd.com) or visit the following website: <http://www.texomatechprep.org>.

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