



JCEA EMPLOYEE HANDOUT: 2021/2022 CREDITS & ACCREDITATION

Jeffco Public Schools grants movement on the salary schedule based on degrees and graduate credits earned (both initial placement and lane change).

Degrees

Degrees must be obtained from an accredited college or university. Jeffco Public Schools uses <https://ope.ed.gov/dapip/#/home> to verify the college or university has been accredited by one of the following accreditation association.

- Western Association of Schools and Colleges
- Northwest Commission of Colleges and Universities
- Higher Learning Commission
- New England Commission of Higher Education
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- Middle States Commission on Higher Education

Graduate Credits

Jeffco Public Schools accepts graduate level coursework issued on an official transcript from an accredited university or college. If a school is on a quarter hour system, it will be converted to semester hours by multiplying by 0.67. Credits are evaluated by the course number and the transcript key, if in doubt for an upcoming course, ask the school for a copy of the transcript key and compare it to the assigned course number.

Jeffco Public Schools does not require that degrees and classes be related to your current assignment.

Accepted for Credit	Not Accepted
"Graduate Level", "Master Level", "Doctorate Level", or "Post Doctorate" "Upper Division/Graduate" or "Junior/Senior may be graduate" (ONLY if BA program is complete) "Graduate Level may be open to Seniors with department approval" Graduate Level course number with a special prefix or suffix that means it not accepted for degree program and is primarily for professional development Graduate courses that have Pass/Fail instead of Grades Practicum/Field Work as long as course numbers are Graduate Level Undergraduate Courses taken as part of a completed Master's Degree program (must be same semesters & school, will be evaluated)	Professional Development Units Continuing Education Units In Progress Classes Withdrawn Classes Transfer Credit (must submit transcript from original school) Credit given for "work experience" Credit given for "testing out" "Upper Division" "Post BA"



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The following schools have also been evaluated and have special circumstances/unusual transcript keys.

Institution	Status
Alaska Pacific University	500 Series
American College of Education	They mark their "partner providers" as Transfer Credit
Brandman University	800-999 Series
Chapman University	800-999 Series
University of California extensions (Los Angeles, San Diego)	200-299 and 400-499 Series accepted if issued in Units or Credit Hours
Drake University	EDEX Courses
University of Denver	3000-3999 (300-399) Series accepted if taken AFTER completion of Bachelor's
University of West Florida; Teacher Ready Program	<i>Not Accepted</i> , college student to enroll in MA program within 6 years or courses expire, not given college credit otherwise
Utah Valley University	5000 Series