BRAZOS HIGH SCHOOL

PLATO COURSEWARE & CREDIT RECOVERY HANDBOOK

2022-2023

PLATO Learning Environment

Plato is used for course credit, credit recovery, and CTE programs of study at Brazos High School. This self-paced, interactive learning tool is computer-based and may be used anywhere and anytime internet connectivity is available. The environment are requirements vary based on student need.

Credit Recovery

Students who do not earn a 70 or greater in a course will be required to make up the failed credit. Students whose semester average falls between a 60-69 for core classes except math may repeat the course using the credit recovery courseware through Plato. Credit recovery students will be scheduled a Plato class period within their schedule and will be under the supervision of the Plato professional in the classroom. Credit recovery students are expected to stay on task, stay on pace to complete the course(s) in a timely manner, and take notes during their computerized lessons. Most tasks are graded by the Plato program, a few are graded by the supervisor or Plato professional. If you have any questions, please email the teacher listed on your student's schedule.

Students whose semester average falls below a 60 or students whose semester average is below a 70 in a math class will retake the course, face-to-face, with an instructor. The only exception is seniors who failed the first semester of a course they need to graduate.

Initial Course Credit for Seniors Only

Seniors who are credit deficient for graduation may be allowed to take courses for initial credit using the Plato courseware with prior written approval from the Superintendent. Requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Every effort will be made to enroll students in face-to-face instruction first. Initial credit students are expected to stay on task, stay on pace to complete the course(s) in a timely manner, and take notes during their computerized lessons. Most tasks are graded by the Plato program, a few are graded by the supervisor or Plato professional. If you have any questions, please email the teacher listed on your student's schedule.

Initial Course Credit for Grades 9-11

Students in grades 9-11 will not be allowed to earn initial course credit using the Plato courseware except when in the pursuit of a specified CTE program of study, per their graduation plan, in which the specific courses are not offered at Brazos High School in a face-to-face instructional setting. The specific courses in which students may take for original credit using Plato courseware are as follows:

- Principles of Education
- Child Development
- Native Speakers Spanish

Details about the specific endorsements and CTE programs of study can be found in the Course Catalog.

Students who enroll in Plato courses for CTE purposes will be supervised by certified teachers. The students' schedules will list the course in which they are enrolled along with the name of their teacher. Student's will be given a syllabus detailing assignments and due dates.

Please see the attached Plato Software Contract for student expectations and requirements. Student grades will be recorded in accordance with the district grading policy. The following percentages will apply:

Major Grades: 20% (Post Tests, Unit Activities)

Minor Grades: 80% (Master Tests, Discussion Boards)

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Plato Software Contract

Student Name: _____

Student ID#: _____

Enrolled Course: _____

Teacher: _____

Class Period: _____

School Year: _____

I, acknowledge the following:

1. I have been given the course syllabus outlining the dates all assignments are due along with the grading policy.
2. I will be given only one opportunity to retest on all tests administered through the Plato Software.
3. I will not be given a reassessment opportunity for Unit Activities, Discussion Boards, and Course Activities.
4. I am encouraged to take notes during tutorial. I will be able to use these notes on Mastery Tests, Discussion Boards, Course Activities, and Unit Activities. Notes will not be used on Post Tests and Semester Tests.
5. If I finish my course before the end of the semester, I will be required to work on enrichment activities, such as: ACT/SAT Prep, TSI Prep, and EOC Prep.
6. If I do not finish my course by the end of the semester, I will be given zeros for all incomplete assignments and the corresponding grade will be posted on my transcript.

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Student Signature   **Date**

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Parent Signature   **Date**