

Summary of Changes to the 2024-25 Credit Flexibility Handbook

The 2024-25 NWLSD Credit Flexibility Handbook was revised based on the most recent guidance document from Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW) and feedback indicating that the documentation forms that were included in the Appendix of the previous version needed to be simplified. The revised handbook was built in collaboration with other area school districts to better reflect the current opportunities available to students through Credit Flexibility.

Page	Description of Change
3	Includes full BOE policy and legal references from Ohio Revised Code
4	Expands Credit Flexibility to Grades 7 and 8 as recommended by ODEW
5	Sets the criteria for earning credit through “Testing Out” at 80% or higher
6	Explicitly identifies the opportunity to earn credit through Work-Based Learning (WBL) and standardizes requirements and limits for the use of WBL as part of a Credit Flexibility Plan
7	Adds clarification related to the transfer of Credit Flexibility plans for students entering or exiting the Northwest Local School District
7	Adds cautionary statements for student athletes
8	Outlines appeal process
8-9	Includes answers to frequently asked questions and explicitly defines how mastery demonstrated through Ohio’s End of Course Exams will be translated into percentage and letter grades
10-11	Adds Short Form Application for students using Credit Flexibility to “Test Out”
12-16	Consolidation and Revision of Long Form Application into a single form and defines required components of the Credit Flexibility Plan; Requires inclusion of teacher advisor in the review and approval process
17-18	Allows for the use of Ohio EOC exams (proficient or better) to be utilized to demonstrate mastery for students who failed the associated course

Summary of Changes to the 2024-25 K-12 Grading and Reporting Handbook

Page	Description of Change
7	Withdrawing from a Course - Date Changes
8	Withdrawing and Dropping Status Concurrently - Change in language

Summary of Changes to the 2024-25 Field Trip Handbook

Page	Description of Change
5	Change in return time for field trips to 1:30
6	Explains the change in Volunteer Application form and approval process
19-20	Appendix E - Volunteer Application form