

Campus Awarding Credit

Question: If a student earns course credits at a private school and transfers to a public school, is the public school falsifying the student's record when indicating these credits were awarded at their campus?

Answer: The Campus Awarding Credit data element is included in TREx as the means to indicate the school campus that awards credit to a student for coursework earned outside of the Texas public school system. In other words, this data element does not identify the campus where the credit was earned but rather identifies the Texas public school campus awarding credit for coursework completed outside of the Texas public school system.

When a student registers with a Texas public school, it is the responsibility of the receiving campus to evaluate that type of coursework and award credit based on Texas standards as shown in PEIMS Code Table CO22, which identifies the allowable number of credits awarded for courses. As stated in the *Revised Minimum Standards for the Achievement Record-May 2004*, Texas public schools are required to perform due diligence when determining how much credit to award for coursework completed outside of the Texas public school system, such as private schools, home schools, or schools outside of Texas. Please reference the following from the 2007-2008 TREx Data Standards:

Common Name		XML Name	Complex Type
CAMPUS-AWARDING-CREDIT		CreditCampus	CourseType
Definition			
CAMPUS-AWARDING-CREDIT indicates the TEA- assigned CAMPUS ID of the Texas public school confirming and awarding credit for coursework completed at a non-public school or a school outside of Texas.			
Special Instructions			
<p>Per "Revised Minimum Standards for the Achievement Record-May 2004"</p> <p>Section 1.15 Record of Course (a) Overview page 8 – "The receiving school district evaluates the transcript and determines the translation of the student's grades and courses to the standard utilized in the receiving Texas district (19 TAC §74.26(a)(2))."</p> <p>Section 1.15 Record of Course (f) (Credit) page 11 – "When a student transfers after a semester or full year is completed, the receiving district must honor credits already awarded by the sending Texas district/charter. Courses completed in other states or countries that cannot be generally matched with Texas courses may be granted local credit."</p> <p>The only acceptable value is nine characters in a sequence with each character in a range from 0 to 9. Declared as a TEXT data type to allow for zeros in the first position.</p>			
Data Specifications			
Element ID	Code Table ID	Required?	Domain of Values
TE080		No	
Applicable Record	Length	Type	Pattern
Student Record AAR-Transcript	9	TEXT	#####