

Three Period Day and Credits...how does this work?

Will my high school student stay on track to graduate only taking three classes at a time?

Yes! High school students will still stay on track for graduating on time. We are just moving from a semester-based system with shorter class periods, to a quarter-based system with longer class periods.

How does this work?

In "normal times" students take 6 classes a semester, and each class is 50 minutes long. Students earn .5 credit for each class over the course of a semester, which is 18 weeks long. At the end of a semester in "normal times," a student has earned a total of 3 credits (.5 credit for each of six classes).

On this model, students take 3 classes a quarter, and each is 90 minutes long. Students earn .5 credit for each class during the course of a quarter, which is 9 weeks long. The extra learning is made up because the class periods are nearly doubled. At the end of a quarter one on this model, a student earns 1.5 credits for three classes, and at the end of quarter two, the student earns 1.5 credits for the other three classes. Students end the two quarters (18 weeks' worth of classes) with a total of 3 credits, exactly the same as in "normal times."