Credit Recovery, Remediation, and Dropout Prevention

Apex Learning® digital curriculum offers the opportunity to differentiate instruction and address the unique needs for credit recovery, remediation, and dropout prevention.

Credit Recovery

Get Students Back on Track

For many students, the need to recover only one or two course credits is all that stands between them and graduating from high school. With alternative options and the right support, these students can successfully reach their goal of graduation.

Apex Learning® Comprehensive Courses make it possible to offer a credit recovery program that addresses the diverse learning needs of all credit recovery students.
Individualize Learning for Student Success

With Apex Learning digital curriculum, students are supported while challenged to succeed.

- Students taking Apex Learning Courses for credit recovery use the same rigorous, standards-based content as students engaged in Apex Learning digital curriculum for original credit.
- A variety of opt-in scaffolds are embedded directly into the content to provide additional support when a student needs it.
- Students progress through each course at their own pace, taking as much or as little time as necessary to master the material.

Enhanced Features for Key Courses

All Apex Learning Courses provide a rigorous, standards-based learning opportunity for credit recovery programs. For the courses most often needed to meet graduation requirements, an enhanced credit recovery feature set helps students recover credits more efficiently.

These features include prescriptive pretests to identify what a student has learned previously and areas of deficiency for each unit of content. An individualized learning plan is automatically generated based on pretest results to direct each student to the specific material he or she has yet to master.

“These are students who didn’t succeed in a traditional classroom environment. Apex Learning digital curriculum allows them to work at their own pace to complete challenging coursework and earn the credits they need.”

Dianne Vaez
K-12 Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Director
Temecula Valley Unified School District, California
Remediation

For many secondary students, skill deficiencies in literacy and math must be addressed in order to succeed in grade-level courses. Apex Learning digital curriculum offers the opportunity to differentiate instruction to address the unique remediation needs of each student.

Grade-Level Remediation

Apex Learning Tutorials are designed to: provide classroom teachers with key instructional resources to ensure all students are prepared for success on high-stakes exams; provide targeted intervention, just-in-time remediation, and unit recovery throughout the school year to reduce the need for credit recovery; and enhance classroom instruction to raise achievement for all students.

**High School:** Tutorials provide remediation for high school students who have not mastered the required skills and concepts to be successful in grade-level academic work.

**Middle School:** Tutorials offer remediation and acceleration opportunities for middle school students to ensure a successful transition to high school.

Develop Basic Skills with Age-Appropriate Content

Apex Learning Foundations Courses are specifically designed to address the interests and maturity of students ages 13 and older. Moving at an individual pace, each student is able to take as much time as needed to acquire the skills necessary for success in high school. Math Foundations Courses integrate carefully paced, guided instruction with interactive practice to remediate math skills required for students to succeed in Introductory Algebra, Algebra I, and beyond.

Develop Literacy Skills of Struggling Readers and Writers

Literacy issues pose significant challenges to many students who are entering high school. Offering solutions for below-basic and below-proficient readers, English Foundations Courses are designed for adolescents who need structured remediation in reading and writing. Scaffolded instruction and extensive practice activities focus on the development of skills and strategies in reading comprehension, writing, and composition.

“It is a challenging problem — meeting the remediation needs of high school students who lack basic skills. You can’t take them back to elementary curriculum because it’s demeaning to them. Keeping the content relevant for high school students, but having a high level of remediation is what is needed, and Apex Learning is responding to that need.”

Steve Green
Teacher, Longview School District 122
Washington
Dropout Prevention and Recovery

Rigorous and Accessible Content

Apex Learning believes in setting high expectations for all students, and that philosophy is reflected in the rigor as well as the breadth and depth of adherence to standards. Recognizing that students come to class with varying levels of proficiency and preparation for grade-level academic content, Apex Learning strives in its Courses to make rigorous content accessible to all students by providing opt-in supports and scaffolds to meet each student at his or her individual level of academic readiness and develop the student’s capacities.

Students move at their own pace, actively engaging in meaningful ways with instructional content. Purposeful use of text, audio, video, and interactive media motivates students to learn while addressing varied learning styles and individual preferences. Opt-in scaffolding supports the mastery of rigorous grade-level academic content for all learners.

Engaging, Active Learning

Apex Learning students learn by doing. Through 17 unique activity types, Apex Learning integrates interactive media into every lesson, bringing ideas to life. Students progress through course content by interacting with each concept as they are prompted to observe, inquire, create, connect, and confirm. Instructive feedback is immediately provided as students apply their understanding, creating a continuous interplay with the subject matter that keeps students attentive and motivated.

Through ongoing interaction with course content, students are able to take responsibility for — and ownership of — their individual learning environment. As students experience success, their confidence builds, and their achievement increases.

Prescriptive Features

All Apex Learning Comprehensive Courses support programs that are targeted at keeping students who have not earned required course credits on track for graduation. Students taking Apex Learning Courses for credit recovery use the same rigorous, standards-based courses as students engaged in Apex Learning Courses for original credit, ensuring that all students master the skills and concepts necessary for their future success. The courses most often needed for credit recovery include pretests that generate individualized learning plans designed to help students recover credits more efficiently and at an accelerated pace.

Prescriptive Pretests Identify Student Knowledge

Pretests assess a student’s knowledge in each unit of content, identifying what the student has learned and any areas of deficiency. Tightly aligning each item to the standards, the pretests determine an individualized learning plan encompassing the relevant material yet to be mastered.

Individualized Learning Plans Focus Student Efforts

An individualized learning plan is automatically generated based on pretest results to direct each student to the specific material he or she has yet to master. Individualized learning plans efficiently guide a student’s learning, giving educators the confidence that students are focused on the material they need to learn.

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