



Can a High School Student Enrolled in Challenge B Earn High School Credit?

Please remember that Classical Conversations (CC) exists as a complementary service to homeschool families. As such, parents own the responsibility of determining the credits for each seminar. "The Challenge Difference" document provides some good guidelines of possible credits and is a good resource for parents of Challenge students. Parents should compare the credits they would acquire through CC and determine if it will meet the graduation requirements for their state. In most cases, CC Challenge students have more than enough credits to meet state graduation requirements.

High school students taking Challenge B could earn 1 credit for successful completion of Introductory and Intermediate Logic, and 0.5 credit for debate (Mock Trial). If the student is taking high school level math, such as Algebra 1 and above, they could earn 1 math credit. For other strands, parents will have to supplement assignments in order to make them equivalent to high school level work. What is deserving of a credit varies from family to family. As a result, the tutor is not in a position to provide an 'enhanced' assignment schedule. There could be adverse ramifications if, for example, the parents followed the tutor's suggestions and then a college didn't accept the credits.

Parents will need to do some research and decide what their educational goals are for the student. Some parents begin by looking at admission requirements at potential colleges and work backward from there. (If they need 4 credits of a foreign language, they will need to boost Latin in Challenge B or take an extra course over the summer.)

It is important for parents to look at the whole path for high school. In science, for example, some states only require two sciences with labs for graduation. If the student is not going to be a science major, they would meet that requirement through completion of Challenge I Physical Science and Challenge II Biology. In this scenario, parents wouldn't have to worry about science credits while in Challenge B; however, if they want to get a full science credit in Challenge B, the parent may require the student to do MORE research or write a more in-depth paper each week. Perhaps they could require a timeline project or something of that sort; the student would do Challenge B assignments but in greater depth.

The tutor is not in a position to determine what is credit-worthy or to give enhanced assignments. The parents must decide and be the final giver of grades/credits. (Directors, if you know of any veteran homeschoolers who have walked the path to college admissions, you might want to put them in touch with parents who are unsure about high school credits.)