# <u>Procedure to Apply for Plus Credits-</u> Professional Growth Salary Increments

# \*\*\*You must apply on-line in your DEEDS profile for plus credits. \*\*\*

Send the application for plus credits to Nadja Greso in Human Resources along with an official sealed transcript (or secure electronic link sent directly from the college/university: nadja.greso@christina.k12.de.us)

Regulation for Plus Credits: <a href="http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/700/728.shtml#TopOfPage">http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/700/728.shtml#TopOfPage</a>

Plus credits can only be given for graduate level coursework from a <u>Regionally</u> Accredited School. <a href="http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx">http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx</a>. Some online institutions are <u>nationally</u> accredited which is not acceptable. They must also be <u>regionally</u> accredited for DOE to accept them. Increments are approved in steps of 15 credits.

All grades must be "B" or better or "pass" if earned on a pass/fail basis.

Bachelors + 15, + 30

- Coursework <u>must be part of a Master's program</u> and must be indicated as such on an official transcript
- Credits are applied in the order in which they are taken.

#### Master's Level Increment

 Master's must be from a Regionally Accredited Institution. Degree must show as <u>conferred</u> on the transcript. A conferral degree date is the date your college/university determined your degree was complete.

## Master's + 15, + 30, + 45 and + 60

• Coursework must be graduate level. Only coursework taken **AFTER** the conferral of a Master's degree can count toward a Master's plus.

#### **Doctorate Level Increment**

Doctorate must be from a Regionally Accredited Institution. Degree must show as conferred on the
official transcript.

### **STEPS to submit request:**

- Sign into DEEDS account: <a href="https://deeds.doe.k12.de.us">https://deeds.doe.k12.de.us</a>
- Under "What Can I Do Today"
  - Select "Apply for Plus Credit"
    - Follow the prompts to the appropriate application request
- Enter each course being used towards plus credits
- Submit and "Print" application
- Sign application
- Send application to Nadja Greso via email, inter-office mail, or by fax 302-552-2651.
- Request official transcripts be sent to the attention of Nadja Greso.
  - o If your college/university sends transcripts via secure email link that is acceptable as well.

Questions? Contact Nadja Greso, HR/Certification – nadja.greso@christina.k12.de.us or 552-2621.