

Would you give an example of how the "up to 15 credits" would be awarded to 21st Century Scholar students?

We are going to waive up to 15 credit hours for students who are, in Spring 2020, using either the 21st Century Scholarship, the Frank O'Bannon Grant, or the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship. When we say waiving, what we mean is for credit completion purposes, when students are renewing their 21st Century Scholarship, we know that there's a wide variety of circumstances that may have hindered the student from meeting that 30 per year benchmark. And so, we are waiving up to 15 credit hours. What that means is we're going to look at what the student was able to do in terms of their performance at the end of Spring 2020. And if they earned 15 credit hours in Spring 2020, that's amazing, we're proud of them, and we won't be waiving any additional hours because hopefully they are already on track to earn their 30 credit hours. But if we do see a student that maybe only earned 9 credit hours or 12 credit hours in Spring 2020, we are going to add the difference between whatever they earned and 15 credit hours for that student. These hours will be added as an adjustment to the credit bank and it will be automatic. No appeal is needed.

So if a student was originally enrolled in 12 and earned 9 you would "bank" six for them, I am understanding correctly?

Yes.

If a student earned 18 in the fall and 12 in the spring, would they still get the additional 3 hours in the credit bank even though they earned 30 credits for the academic year?

Yes they would. We are looking specifically at Spring 2020. We're looking to see if they used state aid in Spring 2020 (Frank O'Bannon, 21st Century Scholarship, Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship) and then we will look to see how many hours did the student earn in Spring 2020. If that is less than 15, we are going to add that difference as an adjustment to the credit bank.