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Analysis of three 2011 Friendship Collegiate Public Charter School Student Transcripts

On January 23, 2013, in a public presentation to the D.C. State Board of Education (SBOE), Friendship Public Charter School Founder and CEO Donald Hense submitted the redacted* transcripts from three 2011 Friendship Collegiate PC graduates.

In 2002, I discovered students at Woodrow Wilson HS were receiving the high school diploma despite failure to complete all DC Board of Education graduation requirements, I reported them to the superintendent and the Washington Post. On June 5, 2002. WP reporter Justin Blum wrote the story. In order to objectively evaluate a transcript, I needed a template that listed required courses and credits in one or two columns and then 4 double columns for grades 9 to 12 in which to enter courses passed and credits earned as they appear on the transcript.

I used a similar format for the courses required for 2011 graduates. The three transcript templates are identified as Students A, p40; B, p41, C, p42; the 4th page is a 1-page summary of the three templates.

Format of the Transcript Analysis Template:

1st column: SBOE required courses by name. Courses in bold red are those that are missing

2nd column: Carnegie unit values of each required course

3rd column: Valid Credits: This is a sub-total of the valid course credits to the right

4th & 5th columns: Grade 9 Courses and Carnegie Units

6th & 7th columns: Grade 10 Courses and Carnegie Units

8th & 9th columns: Grade 11 Courses and Carnegie Units

10th & 11th columns: Grade 12 Courses and Carnegie Units

Note: When courses are listed with inflated values, the value on the transcript is entered on the template in **red**; the legitimate value is entered in parentheses in black, e.g. **2 (1)**

The four credit columns are then totaled, then divided into Total **Valid/Invalid**

Then the totals of all 4 columns is shown:

Total Valid Credits; Total Invalid Credits; Missing Credits

Since the Friendship Handbook does not list "independent" courses, I listed them as invalid.

Graduation Requirements that do not appear on the students' transcripts:

Student A (p40): U.S. History; World History 2

Student B (p41): U.S. History; World History 2

Student C (p42): World History 2

Two "independent studies" listed as invalid: DC History; English IV

LEA Fulfillment of DC State Board of Education (SBOE) Graduation Requirements

TEMPLATE for Analyzing Student Transcripts (Developed by Erich Martel ehmartel@starpower.net)

LEA/School **Friendship Collegiate PC** Studt **A**; p**40**; GPA: **4.027** <http://tinyurl.com/p7k4bf4> Gradn Yr **2011**

(Directions: Enter school name & school year; then course name, grade & credit for each grade level)

(Carnegie units in **blue** meet published standards and are valid; those in **red** are inflated)

SBOE Requirements			Friendsh Colleg Gr9 SY2007-08		Friendsh Colleg Gr10, SY2008-09		Friendsh Colleg Gr11, SY2009-10		Friendsh Colleg Gr12, SY2010-11	
Course	CarUn	Valid Credits	Course	CarUn	Course	CarUn	Course	CarUn	Course	CarUn
Art	0.5	<u>0.5</u>							Art	<u>0.5</u>
Music	0.5	<u>0.5</u>							Music	<u>0.5</u>
English (4.0)										
- English I	1.0	<u>1</u>	H Lit Genres	<u>2 (1)</u>						
- English II	1.0	<u>1</u>			World Lit	<u>2 (1)</u>				
- English III	1.0	<u>1</u>					EngComp I&II	<u>1</u>		
- English IV	1.0	<u>1</u>							EC EngLit/AdvWr	<u>5 +.5</u>
World Lang (2.0)										
-WL1/entry level	1.0	<u>1</u>					Spanish I	<u>1</u>		
-WL2/next level)	1.0	<u>1</u>							Spanish II	<u>1</u>
Math (4.0)										
- Algebra I	1.0	<u>1</u>	Algebra I	<u>2 (1)</u>						
- Geometry	1.0	<u>1</u>			Geometr(10)	<u>2 (1)</u>				
- Algebra-Trig	1.0	<u>1</u>					Algebra II	<u>1</u>		
- 4th math	1.0	<u>1</u>							AP CalculusAB	<u>2 (1)</u>
Science (4.0)										
- Biology	1.0	<u>1</u>	Biology	<u>1</u>						
- Chemistry	1.0	<u>1</u>			Chemistry(10)	<u>1</u>				
- Physics	1.0	<u>1</u>					Physics	<u>1</u>		
- 4th science	1.0	<u>1</u>							Env Science	<u>1</u>
Social Studies (4.0)										
- World Hist1	1.0	<u>1</u>			AP World Hist	<u>2 (1)</u>				
- World Hist2	1.0	<u>0</u>	Missing	<u>-0-</u>						
- US Hist 1900-	1.0	<u>0</u>	Missing	<u>-0-</u>						
- US Govt	0.5	<u>1</u>	DCHist/AmGov	<u>1</u>						
- DC Hist/Gov	0.5									
Health-PhysEd (1.5)										
- Health	0.5	<u>0.5</u>					Health 11/12	<u>1(0.5)</u>		
- Phys Ed	1.0	<u>1</u>	Phys Ed	<u>1</u>						
Career-Tech (2.0)										
		<u>1</u>			Fndn Arts&Comm	<u>1</u>				
		<u>1</u>			Intro>Computrs	<u>1</u>				
		<u>1</u>					Web Design	<u>1</u>		
		<u>1</u>							Coll&CarPrep	<u>1</u>
		<u>1</u>							ConverMedia	<u>1</u>
Electives (1.5)										
		<u>.5</u>	AP HumGeog	<u>1(0.5)</u>						
		<u>1</u>	Transitions	<u>.5 +.5</u>						
		<u>.5</u>					AP Govt&Pol	<u>2 (1)</u>		
		<u>1</u>					Econ I & II	<u>1</u>		
		<u>.5</u>							AP Psychol	<u>2 (1)</u>
Total Listed			Gr9: <u>9</u>		Gr10: <u>9</u>		Gr11: <u>9</u>		Gr12: <u>10</u>	
Total Valid/Invalid			Gr9: Val <u>6.5</u> Inval <u>2.5</u>		Gr10: Val <u>6</u> Inval <u>3</u>		Gr11: Val <u>7.5</u> Inval <u>1.5</u>		Gr12: Val <u>8</u> Inval <u>2.0</u>	

Total Valid Credits: 28.0 Total Invalid Credits: 9.0 Missing Credits: 2.0

LEA Fulfillment of DC State Board of Education (SBOE) Graduation Requirements

TEMPLATE for Analyzing Student Transcripts (Developed by Erich Martel chmartel@starpower.net)

LEA/School Friendship Collegiate PC Student B; p41; GPA: 4.034 Graduation Year 2011

(Directions: Enter school name & school year; then course name, grade & credit for each grade level)

(Carnegie units in **blue** meet published standards and are valid; those in **red** are inflated)

Red = Missing/Inflated Rqt

SBOE Requirements			Friendsh Colleg Gr9 SY2007-08	Friendsh Colleg Gr10, SY2008-09	Friendsh Colleg Gr11, SY2009-10	Friendsh Colleg Gr12, SY2010-11
Course	CarUn	Valid Credits	Course	CarUn	Course	CarUn
Art	0.5	<u>0.5</u>				Art <u>0.5</u>
Music	0.5	<u>0.5</u>				Music <u>0.5</u>
English (4.0)						
- English I	1.0	<u>1</u>	H Lit Genres <u>2 (1)</u>			
- English II	1.0	<u>1</u>		World Lit <u>2 (1)</u>		
- English III	1.0	<u>1</u>			EngComp I&II <u>5 +.5</u>	
- English IV	1.0	<u>1</u>				EC EngLit/AdvWr <u>5 +.5</u>
World Lang (2.0)						
-WL1/entry level	1.0	<u>1</u>			Spanish I <u>1</u>	
-WL2/next level)	1.0	<u>1</u>				Spanish II <u>1</u>
Math (4.0)						
- Algebra I	1.0	<u>1</u>	Algebra I <u>2 (1)</u>			
- Geometry	1.0	<u>1</u>		Geometry(10) <u>2 (1)</u>		
- Algebra-Trig	1.0	<u>1</u>			Algebra II <u>1</u>	
- 4th math	1.0	<u>1</u>				AP CalculusAB <u>2 (1)</u>
Science (4.0)						
- Biology	1.0	<u>1</u>	Biology <u>1</u>			
- Chemistry	1.0	<u>1</u>		AP Biology <u>2 (1)</u>		
- Physics	1.0	<u>1</u>			Chemistry(10) <u>1</u>	
- 4th science	1.0	<u>1</u>				Physics <u>1</u>
Social Studies (4.0)						
- World Hist1	1.0	<u>1</u>		AP World Hist <u>2 (1)</u>		
- World Hist2	1.0	<u>0</u>	Missing <u>-0-</u>			
- US Hist 1900-	1.0	<u>0</u>	Missing <u>-0-</u>			
- US Govt	0.5	<u>1</u>	DCHist/AmGov <u>1</u>			
- DC Hist/Gov	0.5		(part of above)			
Health-PhysEd (1.5)						
- Health	0.5	<u>0.5</u>			Health 11/12 <u>1(0.5)</u>	
- Phys Ed	1.0	<u>1</u>	Phys Ed <u>1</u>			
Career-Tech (2.0)						
-		<u>0.5</u>		Intro>Computers <u>1(0.5)</u>		
		<u>1</u>			MedTerminol <u>1</u>	
		<u>1</u>				ConvergMedia <u>1</u>
		<u>1</u>				Coll&CarPrep <u>1</u>
Electives (1.5)						
		<u>.5</u>	AP HumGeog <u>1(0.5)</u>			
		<u>1</u>	Transitions <u>.5 +.5</u>			
		<u>.5</u>			AP Govt&Pol <u>2 (1)</u>	
		<u>1</u>			Econ I & II <u>5 +.5</u>	
		<u>.5</u>				AP Psychol <u>2 (1)</u>

Total Listed Gr9: 9 Gr10: 9 Gr11: 9 Gr12: 10
 Total Valid/Invalid Gr9: Val 6.5 Inval 2.5 Gr10: Val 4.5 Inval 4.5 Gr11: Val 7.5 Inval 1.5 Gr12: Val 8.0 Inval 2.0

Total Valid Credits: 25.5 Total Invalid Credits: 10.5 Missing: 2.0

LEA Fulfillment of DC State Board of Education (SBOE) Graduation Requirements

TEMPLATE for Analyzing Student Transcripts (Developed by Erich Martel ehmartel@starpower.net)

LEA/School Friendship Collegiate PC Student C; p42; GPA: 3.911 Graduation Year 2011

(Directions: Enter school name & school year; then course name, grade & credit for each grade level)

(Carnegie units in **blue** meet published standards and are valid; those in **red** are inflated)

SBOE Requirements			St. John's Coll HS Gr9 SY2007-08	St. John's Coll HS Gr10, SY2008-09	Friendsh Coll Gr11, SY2009-10	Friendsh Coll Gr12, SY2010-11
Course	CarUn	Valid Credits	Course	CarUn	Course	CarUn
(Corrected values are shown in parentheses)						
Art	0.5	<u>0.5</u>				<u>Art</u> <u>0.5</u>
Music	0.5	<u>0.5</u>				<u>Music</u> <u>0.5</u>
English (4.0)						
- English I	1.0	<u>1</u>	<u>English 9</u> <u>1</u>			
- English II	1.0	<u>1</u>		<u>Amer Lit</u> <u>1</u>		
- English III	1.0	<u>1</u>			<u>British Lit</u> <u>1</u>	
- English IV 1.0		<u>0</u> Missing				IndepStudyWld Lit <u>2(0)</u>
World Lang (2.0)						
-WL1/entry level	1.0	<u>1</u>	<u>Spanish I</u> <u>1</u>			
-WL2/next level)	1.0	<u>1</u>		<u>Spanish II</u> <u>1</u>		
Math (4.0)						
- Algebra I	1.0	<u>1</u>	<u>Algebra I</u> <u>1</u>			
- Geometry	1.0	<u>1</u>		<u>Geometry</u> <u>1</u>		
- Algebra-Trig	1.0	<u>1</u>			<u>Algebra II</u> <u>1</u>	
- 4th math	1.0	<u>1</u>				<u>AP CalculusAB</u> <u>2 (1)</u>
Science (4.0)						
- Biology	1.0	<u>1</u>	<u>Biology</u> <u>1</u>			
- Chemistry	1.0	<u>1</u>		<u>Chemistry</u> <u>1</u>		
- Physics	1.0	<u>1</u>			<u>Physics</u> <u>1</u>	
- 4th science	1.0	<u>1</u>				<u>Envir Science</u> <u>1</u>
Social Studies (4.0)						
- World Hist1	1.0	<u>1</u>	<u>World Hist 1</u> <u>1</u>			
- World Hist2	1.0	<u>0</u> Missing	<u>-0-</u>			
- US Hist 1900-	1.0	<u>1</u>		<u>US History</u> <u>1</u>		
- US Govt	0.5	<u>.5</u>			<u>AP Gov&Pol</u> <u>2 (1)</u>	
- DC Hist/Gov	0.5	<u>0</u> Missing				IndepStdvDCHist <u>1(0)</u>
Health-PhysEd (1.5)						
- Health	0.5	<u>0.5</u>			<u>Health 11/12</u> <u>1(0.5)</u>	
- Phys Ed	1.0	<u>0.5</u>				<u>Weight Trng</u> <u>1(0.5)</u>
Career-Tech (2.0)						
-		<u>1</u>	<u>JROTC 1</u> <u>1</u>			
		<u>1</u>		<u>JROTC 2</u> <u>1</u>		
		<u>1</u>			<u>IntrEngineerDesign</u> <u>1</u>	
		<u>1</u>			<u>Web Design</u> <u>1</u>	
		<u>1</u>				<u>Entrepreneurship</u> <u>1</u>
		<u>1</u>				<u>Programming I</u> <u>1</u>
		<u>1</u>				<u>Programming II</u> <u>1</u>
		<u>1</u>				<u>Coll&CareerPrep</u> <u>1</u>
Electives (1.5)		<u>0</u>	<u>Scriptures</u> <u>1 (0)</u>			
		<u>0</u>		<u>Jesus&Church</u> <u>1 (0)</u>		
		<u>.5</u>			<u>SAT Prep</u> <u>1(0.5)</u>	
		<u>—</u>				
Total Listed			Gr9: <u>7</u>	Gr10: <u>7</u>	Gr11: <u>9</u>	Gr12: <u>12</u>
Total Valid/Invalid			Gr9: Val <u>6</u> Inval <u>1</u>	Gr10: Val: <u>6</u> Inval <u>1</u>	Gr11: Val <u>7.0</u> Inval <u>2.0</u>	Gr12: Val <u>7.5</u> Inval <u>4.5</u>
Total Valid Credits: <u>26.5</u>			Total Invalid Credits: <u>8.5</u>		Missing Credits: <u>2.5</u>	

Friendship Collegiate Public Charter HS (Washington, DC): Transcript Analysis
Transcripts of Three 2011 Graduates w/ Missing Graduation Requirements & Inflated Credit Values
 (Source: DC State Bd of Education, Public Testimony on Proposed Changes to Graduation Requirements:
<http://tinyurl.com/p7k4bf4> pp. 36-42; Testimony & student transcripts submitted by Friendship CEO Donald Hense).

Courses in red are missing requirements. Credits in red are inflated by the number in parentheses. (Margin: 7.2"; Tabs: 0.25")

DC StBdofEd Graduation Requirements		<u>Student A, p. 40</u>		<u>Student B, p. 41</u>		<u>Student C, p. 42</u>	
CourseName	Carnegie UnitValue	Course	CarnUnits Listed	Course	CarnUnits Listed	Course	CarnUnits Listed
Art	0.5	Art	0.5	Art	0.5	Art	0.5
Music	0.5	Music	0.5	Music	0.5	Music	0.5
English (4.0)							
- English I	1.0	H Lit Genres	2 (+1)	H Lit Genres	2 (+1)	English 9	1
- English II	1.0	World Lit	2 (+1)	World Lit	2 (+1)	American Lit	1
- English III	1.0	Eng Comp I & II	1	Eng Comp I & II	1	British Lit	1
- English IV	1.0	EC EngLit/AdvWrit	.5 + .5	EC EngLit/AdvWrit	.5 + .5	IndStudy/WorldLit	2(+1)
World Lang (2.0)							
-WL1/entry level	1.0	Spanish I	1	Spanish I	1	Spanish I	1
-WL2/next level	1.0	Spanish II	1	Spanish II	1	Spanish II	1
Math (4.0)							
- Algebra I	1.0	Algebra I	2(+1)	Algebra I	2(+1)	Algebra I	1
- Geometry	1.0	Geometry(10)	2(+1)	Geometry(10)	2(+1)	Geometry	1
- Algebra-Trig	1.0	Algebra II	1	Algebra II	1	Algebra II	1
- 4th math	1.0	AP Calculus AB	2(+1)	AP Calculus AB	2(+1)	AP Calculus AB	2(+1)
Science (4.0)							
- Biology	1.0	Biology 1	1	Biology 1	1	Biology 1	1
- Chemistry	1.0	Chemistry(10)	1	AP Biology	2	Chemistry 1	1
- Physics	1.0	Physics	1	Chemistry(10)	1	Physics	1
- 4th science	1.0	Environ Science	1	Physics	1	Environ Science	1
Social Studies (4.0)							
- World Hist1	1.0	AP World History	2(+1)	AP World History	2(+1)	World History 1	1
- World Hist2	1.0	Whist 2 NotListed	0	Whist 2 NotListed	0	Whist 2 NotListed	0
- US Hist 1900-	1.0	US Hist NotListed	0	US Hist NotListed	0	US History	1
- US Govt	0.5	DC Hist /Am Gov't	1(.5 & .5)	DC Hist /Am Gov't	1	AP Gov't & Politics	2(+1)
- DC Hist/Gov	0.5	(w/Am Gov. above)	*	(w/Am Gov. above)	*	IndStudy:DC Hist	1(+.5)
(* credit combined w/AmGov't)							
Health-PhysEd (1.5)							
- Health	0.5	Health 11/12	1(+.5)	Health 11/12	1(+.5)	Health 11/12	1(+.5)
- Phys Ed	1.0	Phys Ed	1	Phys Ed	1	Weight Training	1(+.5) ?
Career-Tech (2.0)							
-		College/Career Prep	1	College/Career Prep	1	College/Career Prep	1
		Intr to Computers	1	Intr to Computers	1	JROTC 1	1
		Conver't Media	1	Conver't Media	1	JROTC 2	1
		Found. Art/Comm	1	Medical Terminol	1	Entrepreneurship	1
		Web Design	1			Web Design	1
						IntrEngineerDesign	1
Electives (1.5)							
		AP Human Geog	1(+.5)	AP Human Geog	1(+.5)	Programming I	1
		Transitions	.5 + .5	Transitions	.5+.5	Programming II	1
Total Required for the h.s. diploma: (24.0)		Econ I & Econ II	.5 + .5	Econ I & Econ II	.5+.5	SAT Prep	1 (+.5)
		AP Gov & Pol	2(+1)	AP Gov & Pol	2(+1)	Scriptures	1 (+1)
		AP Psychol	2(+1)	AP Psychol	2(+1)	Jesus & Church	1 (+1)
Credit Totals by Student:							
		Std. A: Total Listed:	37.0	Std B: Total Listed:	37.0	Std C: Total Listed:	35.0
		Invalid Credits:	(9.0)	Invalid Credits:	9.0	Invalid Credits:	7.0
		Valid Credits:	28.0	Valid Credits:	28.0	Valid Credits:	28.0

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