

VIRTUAL/ONLINE COURSE GUIDELINES Policy 343.7 Rule

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High School students may earn credits to be applied toward graduation requirements by completing online courses offered through agencies approved by the District Administrator or his/her designee. Credit from an online or virtual course may be earned only in the following circumstances:

1. The course is not offered at the high school;
2. Although the course is offered at the high school, the student will not be able to take it due to an unavoidable scheduling conflict;
3. The course will serve as supplement to extended homebound instruction;
4. The student has been expelled from the regular school setting and educational services are to be continued as part of the expulsion order;
5. The principal, with agreement from the student's teachers and Parents/Guardians, determines the student requires a differentiated or accelerated learning environment. This agreement is subject to district approval for the subject area.
6. Students working on course requirements at home will be in compliance with compulsory attendance.

The following criteria, rules, and procedures must be adhered to for permission to be received to take an online course.

1. Students taking such courses must be enrolled in the district.
2. Students must complete prerequisites if applicable. The approval of the high school principal must be obtained before the student enrolls in an online or virtual course.
3. Credits received for virtual/online course work will count towards graduation. However, the principal will decide at the time of approval if the grades earned in virtual/online courses will count in the overall GPA. The school must receive an official record of the final grade before credit toward graduation will be recognized. Credits earned will appear on the student's official transcript.

If the course is offered through a program that the district already purchases, the tuition fee for an online virtual course shall be borne by the high school for students enrolled full time. Otherwise the cost of virtual/online courses will be the responsibility of the students. All school rules, expectations, and disciplinary consequences will be in effect during virtual schooling.

Legal References:

Cross References:

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