

ON-LINE COURSES

The board recognizes that on-line coursework may provide a good alternative for students to meet graduation requirements, to recover classes, to have the opportunity to take advanced courses, to rectify scheduling conflicts, to provide acceleration options and/or to provide enrichment/supplemental learning. In addition, online courses might offer the opportunity to take a college level course (PSEO) not offered by the school district. PSEO requirements are the same for direct teaching or online courses. Students register for these classes through their counselors and must meet the PSEO requirements. These courses must be from an accredited post secondary institution.

Credit from an on-line course may be earned only in the following circumstances:

- The course is not offered at the high school; (PSEO course)
- Although the course is offered at the high school, the student will not be able to take it due to an unavoidable scheduling conflict;
- The course will serve as a supplement to extend or support classroom or homebound instruction;
- The student is enrolled in a district program that utilizes online learning;
- The student is unable to attend school because of medical or other reasons;
- The student has been expelled from the regular school setting, but educational services are to be continued; or
- The principal, with agreement from the student's teachers and parents, determines the student requires a differentiated or accelerated learning environment.

Approval of the principal shall be obtained before a student enrolls in an on-line course. Students wanting to take an online course shall complete prerequisites and provide teacher/counselor recommendations, if necessary. The school must receive an official record of the final grade before credit toward graduation will be recognized.

Provided courses are part of the student's regular school day coursework and within budgetary parameters, the costs for an online course, such as textbooks or required supplemental supplies, shall be borne by the school district for students enrolled full-time.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.

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501.6 Student Transfers In

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