

<b>Timberlane Regional School District</b>	<b>Policy Code: IHBH</b>
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## **EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Purpose**

The Board encourages students to pursue extended learning opportunities (ELO) as a means of acquiring knowledge and skills through instruction or study that is outside the traditional classroom methodology. Extended learning opportunities may include, but are not limited to, independent study, private instruction, performing groups, internships, community service, apprenticeships, online education, or other opportunities approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee, in conjunction with Board policies.

The purpose of extended learning opportunities is to provide educational experiences that are meaningful and relevant, and that provide students with opportunities to explore and achieve at high levels. In order to maximize student achievement and meet diverse pathways for learning, this policy permits students to employ extended learning opportunities that are stimulating and intellectually challenging, and that enable students to fulfill or exceed the expectations set forth by State minimum standards and applicable Board policies.

Extended learning opportunities may be taken for credit or may be taken to supplement regular academic courses. Extended learning opportunities may also be used to fulfill prerequisite requirements for advanced classes. If the extended learning opportunity is taken for credit, the provisions of *Policy IMBC, Alternative Credit Options*, will apply for high school graduation.

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

All programs of study must meet or exceed the proficiencies and skills identified by the New Hampshire State Board of Education, applicable rules and regulations of the Department of Education, and all applicable Board policies. All programs of study proposed through this program shall have specific instructional objectives aligned with the State minimum standards and District curriculum standards. All extended learning opportunities will comply with applicable laws and regulations, including child labor laws and regulations governing occupational safety.

Students wishing to pursue programs of study under these guidelines must first present their proposal to the school's ELO coordinator(s) for approval. The name and contact information for the school's ELO coordinator(s) will be found in the Student/Parent Handbook or by contacting the Principal's office or the Guidance Department. The designated ELO coordinator will assist students in preparing the application form and other necessary paperwork.

### **Legal References:**

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 306.04(a)(13), Extended Learning Opportunities*  
*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 306.26(f), Extended Learning Opportunities – Middle School*  
*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 306.27(b)(4), Extended Learning Opportunities – High School*