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ONLINE EDUCATION

The Board encourages students to take full advantage of online education opportunities as a means of enhancing and supporting their education. Online education means correspondence, video-based, online-based or other similar media that provides educational courses as a means to fulfill curriculum requirements.

If the course is to be taken for credit then Policy IMBC Alternative Credit Options will apply and students must receive prior approval before enrolling in any course.

Approved courses must align with state and local standards, be delivered by staff certified and highly qualified (HQT) in the state where the course originates from, and contain provisions for feedback and monitoring of student progress. The district will require a syllabus, including prerequisites, specific learning goals/activities, student evaluation criteria, and the teacher's responsibilities are to be submitted for review before the course is approved as part of the student's educational program.

Students taking approved online courses must be enrolled in the district. . Online courses may be taken in the summer under the same conditions as during the school year.

The principal may, at his/her discretion, assign a teacher to monitor student progress, grading of assignments, and testing.

Approved online courses must comply with all federal and state statutes pertaining to student privacy and to public broadcasting of audio and video. Confidentiality of student record information will be maintained throughout the process. This includes information shared between school district representatives and the virtual school or online teacher, information shared between the school district or online teacher with students and parents, and information shared between school district representatives, the virtual school or online teacher with others.

The school district will provide safeguards for students participating in online instruction activities, and Policy EGA or IJNDB, Internet Access for Students, will apply.

Students earning credit for distance education courses shall participate in all assessments required by the statewide education improvement and assessment program. Credit courses will require students to meet similar academic standards as required by the District.

Credit for the course is not recognized until an official record of the final grade has been approved by the principal or designee with input from the online institution.

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Students who violate any part of the policy or engage in any other activity that school authorities consider inappropriate are subject to disciplinary action consistent with Board policies and the student handbook.

Funding

Unless otherwise recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the Board, under ordinary circumstances students or their parents/guardians are responsible for all related expenses including tuition, transportation and textbooks. The district may pay the fee for expelled students who are permitted to take courses in alternative settings. If expenses are paid by the district and the course is not completed, the student or parent must reimburse the district for the expenses.

Legal References:

- NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.04(a)(12), Policy Development*
- NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.22, Distance Education*
- NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.27(q), High School Curriculum, Credits, Graduation Requirements, and Co-curricular Program*