

## **Instruction through Online Courses**

Online education courses that are supplemental to the district's education program may serve as an effective tool to expand the educational opportunities for students at all levels of achievement. Online courses can enhance, supplement or enrich the existing curriculum and can also provide an alternative means of instruction.

Online education courses will be part of the district's educational program to increase accessibility and flexibility in the delivery of instruction for students in grades 9 through 12. The district will not use online education as the sole medium for instruction in any required subject area for students in grades K-8, unless online instruction is deemed appropriate under the circumstances.

To the extent practicable, an effort will be made to determine that online education courses made available to students are consistent with district instructional goals, aligned with the district's academic standards and taught by teachers licensed in Colorado. The administration is directed to periodically review instructional materials of online courses to ensure they meet program standards. Further, such courses must provide the opportunity for substantial, personal and timely interactions between online instructors and students and among students.

Procedures for documentation of attendance and successful course/program completion shall be developed by building administration and included in appropriate student handbooks.

A student participating in the online program may participate on an equal basis in any extracurricular or interscholastic activity offered by the district, unless otherwise prohibited due to expulsion.

### **Application process**

Students shall obtain the written approval of the principal or his/her designee before enrolling in an online course. To obtain permission, a student shall do the following:

- Complete prerequisites and provide teacher/counselor recommendations confirming that the student possesses the maturity level needed to function effectively in an online learning environment.
- Provide information regarding the online course(s) in which the student seeks to enroll.
- Agree to adhere to district policies, procedures and rules, including but not limited to the district's policy on student use of the Internet.
- Agree to adhere to the district's attendance requirements.
- Complete all program application requirements as indicated in the student handbook.

Online courses taken pursuant to state law on concurrent enrollment programs shall be taken and reimbursed by the district in accordance with the district's policy on concurrent enrollment, not this policy.

## **Expelled students**

Online education courses may be offered as a means to provide educational alternatives for expelled students. The district shall determine the amount of credit the student shall receive toward graduation for the online courses and the amount of tuition that will be paid by the district for these courses, in accordance with state law.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(t) (*Board's duty to determine the educational program*)  
C.R.S. 22-32-122 (*authorizes the Board to contract for educational services*)

### **CROSS REFS.:**

#### *Board policies:*

EL-5, Commitment to Accomplishment and Accountability

EL-6, Educational Program

EL-7, Instructional Materials Selection and Adoption

#### *Administrative policies:*

IHCDA, Concurrent Enrollment

IKF, Graduation Requirements

JKF, Educational Alternatives for Expelled Students

JS\*, Student Use of the Internet and Electronic Communications