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### **Authority**

The Board may grant credit toward high school graduation for course work successfully completed through approved summer school, correspondence courses, distance learning, online, dual enrollment and other forms of alternative instruction methods in accordance with adopted policy.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)[\[6\]](#)

Students shall request in writing to the building principal approval of the proposed course and the number of credits sought.

The course subject must be included in the high school's planned instruction, and relate to academic standards.[\[7\]](#)[\[8\]](#)

The number of credits assigned to course work taken through an alternative delivery method shall be predetermined by the building principal and/or guidance counselor as part of the approval process before course work is begun.

The student shall receive the same letter grade for high school credit that is assigned by the alternative education resource.[\[9\]](#)

The assigned student grade for successfully completed work shall not be weighted for purposes of computing the student's grade point average, unless prior approval has been granted by the administrator and/or guidance counselor before the course work was begun.

### **Guidelines**

#### **Summer School**

It is the policy of the Board that the district may conduct a summer program of remedial and enrichment instruction for resident students and other students the Board may admit.[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)[\[10\]](#)

Planned instruction offered in summer school may be designed as credit or noncredit courses.[\[11\]](#)

Tuition fees shall be established by the Board.

### Correspondence Courses

A student enrolled in a correspondence course may receive high school credit for work completed, provided:

1. The course is given by an accredited institution approved by the Superintendent or designee.
2. The student assumes responsibility for all fees.
3. The building principal approves the course in advance.

A maximum of six (6) courses from an institution approved by the building principal or designee may be counted toward the requirements for a student's high school graduation.[6]

### Distance Learning/Virtual/Online Courses

A student enrolled in a distance learning course, including a virtual or online course, may receive high school credit for work completed, provided:

1. The course is offered by an institution approved by the Superintendent or designee.
2. The student assumes responsibility for all fees including tuition and textbooks.
3. The building principal approves the course in advance.

Students may be limited as to the number of distant learning courses that apply toward high school credit.

Grades earned in approved distance learning courses count toward a student's grade point average, class rank and eligibility for athletic and extracurricular activities.

The district may pay the fee for expelled students who are permitted to take virtual or online courses in alternative settings.[12]

### Foreign Exchange Programs

District students shall receive high school credit for foreign exchange courses that meet the criteria established in the curriculum and are approved by the building principal.

International study course work not meeting district requirements may be placed in the student's permanent record and recorded as an international study experience.

### Dual Enrollment

A student who successfully completes college courses may receive high school credit, provided:

1. The student is in good academic standing.
2. The course is approved in advance by the student's guidance counselor and the building principal or designee.
3. The student assumes responsibility for all fees, materials and transportation.

\* Grades earned in college courses will not count toward a student's grade point average, class rank or eligibility for athletic and extracurricular activities.

\*\*A maximum of six (6) courses from an institution approved by the principal or designee may be counted toward the requirements for a student's high school graduation.[6]

Legal

1. 24 P.S. 502
2. 24 P.S. 1525
3. 24 P.S. 1901
4. 24 P.S. 1903
5. 24 P.S. 1906
6. Pol. 217
7. Pol. 102
8. Pol. 107
9. Pol. 212
10. Pol. 202
11. 22 PA Code 4.41
12. Pol. 233
- 24 P.S. 1901 et seq