LEGAL: REVISIONS TO 704 KAR 3:305 IMPACT PERFORMANCE-BASED CREDITS.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

# CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION BR08.1131

Alternative Credit Options

In addition to regular classroom-based instruction, students may earn credit through the following means.

Dual Credit/College Credit

To differentiate/accelerate the curriculum to meet the needs of students, the District shall recognize courses from local postsecondary education institutions. Students will receive one (1) high school credit for every three (3) semester hours of college work except for students attending the Academy of Math and Science at Western Kentucky University or the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics at Morehead State University. The Principal, along with the guidance counselor shall determine the number of high school credits earned in such cases. Grades will be calculated in non-weighted form for class rank and GPA and included in the student’s transcript. Dual credit courses will be available to those students who meet criteria established by school policy. Failure to complete the course shall be recorded according to school policy. Credit may be earned in accordance with the following requirements:

1. Dual credit shall be provided by a postsecondary educational institution approved by the Principal /designee.
2. Students shall be responsible for all related costs and transportation.
3. Prior to taking a course, students shall submit a completed application to the Principal /designee. With the exception of students enrolled at the Academy of Math and Science at Western Kentucky University or the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics at Morehead State University, all off-campus courses and class schedules must be pre-approved by the Principal /designee.
4. Students must present documentation supporting enrollment in the postsecondary institution.
5. Students shall provide verification of course completion and grade earned. (This is covered in the “Approval” paragraph.)
6. The high school must receive an official record of the final grade before credit toward graduation will be recognized.
7. ~~A maximum of six (6) hours of dual credit courses per semester will be listed on the student’s high school transcript. This will vary for students enrolled in the Academy of Math and Science at Western Kentucky University or the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics at Morehead State University.~~
8. Students must complete on campus at the high school all courses required by the Board for graduation with the exception of a student’s full-time enrollment in a technical program or the Academy of Math and Science at Western Kentucky University or the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics at Morehead State University.

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Dual-Credit Scholarship Program

The District may offer the opportunity for students to earn dual-credits through the Kentucky Dual-Credit Scholarship Program and follows the guidelines outlined in the “*Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education and Kentucky Department of Education Dual Credit Policy for Kentucky Public and Participating Postsecondary Institutions and Secondary Schools*,” located on the Kentucky Department of Education website.

Performance-Based Credits

In addition to Carnegie units, students may earn credit toward high school graduation through the District’s standards-based, performance-based credit system that complies with requirements of Kentucky Administrative Regulation. Procedures for developing and amending the system shall address the following:

1. Conditions under which each high school may grant performance-based credits and the related performance descriptors and assessments;
2. Objective grading and reporting procedures;
3. Content standards established in 704 KAR 3:303 and 704 KAR Chapter 8;
4. The extent to which state-provided assessments will be used;
5. The ability for students to demonstrate proficiency and earn credit for learning acquired outside of school or in prior learning; and
6. Criteria to ensure that internships, cooperative learning experiences, and other learning in the school and community are:
* Designed to further student progress towards the Individual Learning Plan;
* Supervised by qualified instructors; and
* Aligned with State and District content and performance standards.

~~Jefferson County Public Schools Curriculum Courses~~

~~Students may receive credit toward graduation requirements by enrolling in and successfully passing courses through the Jefferson County Public Schools curriculum program. Credit may be earned in accordance with the following requirements:~~

1. ~~Students must meet the criteria established by high school policy for credit acquisition through the Jefferson County Public Schools curriculum, and~~
2. ~~Students assigned to alternative school can receive credits through Jefferson County Public Schools curriculum as part of their individualized learning plan.~~

Online Courses

High school students may also earn units of academic credit to be applied toward graduation requirements by completing online courses offered through agencies approved by the Board. Credit from an online course may be earned only in the following circumstances:

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**Online Courses (continued)**

1. The course is not offered at the high school;
2. Although the course is offered at the high school, the student will not be able to take it due to an unavoidable scheduling conflict that would keep the student from meeting graduation requirements;
3. The course will serve as a supplement to extend homebound instruction;
4. The student has been expelled from the regular school setting, but educational services are to be continued; or
5. The Principal, with agreement from the student's teachers and parents/guardians, determines the student requires a differentiated or accelerated learning environment.

The District shall recognize only those online courses that meet the international standards for online teachers, courses, and programs that have been adopted by the Kentucky Department of Education.

As determined by school/council policy, students applying for permission to take anonline course shall complete prerequisites and provide teacher/counselor recommendations to confirm the student possesses the maturity level needed to function effectively in an online learning environment.Online courses may be subject to review by the Superintendent/designee for conformance with Kentucky Academic Standards and District graduation requirements.

Provided online courses are part of the student’s regular school day coursework and within budgetary parameters, the tuition fee and other costs for anonline course shall be borne by the District for students enrolled full-time in the District’s high school, from funds that have been allocated to the school. The Superintendent shall determine, within the budget adopted by the Board, whether additional funding shall be granted, based on supporting data provided by the Principal. The Board shall pay the fee for expelled students who are permitted to take online courses in alternative settings.

Through its policies and/or supervision plan, the school shall be responsible for providing appropriate supervision and monitoring of students taking online courses.

Exception

If a student is in his/her senior year of high school and needs a credit to graduate, s/he may earn credit by taking any online course, dual/college, ~~Jefferson County Public Schools curriculum program~~, or online course for which s/he has not previously received high school credit.

Approval

The express approval of the Principal/designee shall be obtained before a student takes any online course dual/college, ~~Jefferson County Public Schools Curriculum program~~, or /online course, and the high school must receive an official record of the final grade before credit toward graduation will be recognized and a diploma may be issued to the student.

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Alternative Credit Options

References:

KRS 158.622

KRS 164.786

704 KAR 3:303; 704 KAR 3:305; 704 KAR Chapter 8

Related Policies:

08.113

08.11311

08.2323

09.1221

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