

### Alternative Credit Options

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

#### ALTERNATIVE COURSES ~~CORRESPONDENCE COURSES~~

~~HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS MAY EARN, THROUGH CORRESPONDENCE, A MAXIMUM OF TWO (2) UNITS OF ACADEMIC CREDIT TO BE APPLIED TOWARD GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS. ONLY COURSES OFFERED BY AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS RECOGNIZED BY THE BOARD WILL BE ACCEPTED. THE EXPRESS APPROVAL OF THE PRINCIPAL AND GUIDANCE COUNSELOR SHALL BE OBTAINED BEFORE THE COURSE IS TAKEN, AND AN OFFICIAL RECORD OF THE FINAL GRADE MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE SCHOOL BEFORE A DIPLOMA MAY BE ISSUED TO THE STUDENT. UNDER ORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES, STUDENTS OR THEIR PARENTS/GUARDIANS SHALL PAY FOR APPROVED CORRESPONDENCE COURSE THE STUDENTS CHOOSES TO TAKE.~~

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#### VIRTUAL/ONLINE COURSES

High school students may ~~also~~ earn a maximum of three (3) units of initial academic credit to be applied toward graduation requirements by completing any combination of summer classes offered by the school, correspondence, Odyssey Ware and/or online courses offered through agencies approved by the Board, such as the Kentucky Virtual High School (KVHS). Alternative Credit ~~from an online or virtual course~~ may be earned only in the following circumstances:

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;
5. The Principal, with agreement from the student's teachers and parents/guardians, determines the student requires a differentiated or accelerated learning environment; or
6. ~~Unless otherwise approved by the Principal/designee, s~~Students taking such courses must be enrolled in the District and may will take the courses during the regular school day at the school site only with principal approval. Under ordinary circumstances the student will take the alternative credit course outside of the school day.
- ~~6.7.~~Upon principal's request and district approval, a student may be granted the permission to exceed the maximum three credit limit.

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As determined by school/council policy, students applying for permission to take an alternative virtual course shall complete prerequisites and provide teacher/counselor recommendations to confirm the student possesses the maturity level need to function effectively in an altervative online learning environment. In addition, the express approval of the Principal/designee shall be obtained before a student enrolls in a virtual course. The school must receive an official record of the final grade before credit toward graduation will be recognized.

~~Provided KVHS courses are part of the student's regular school day coursework and within budgetary parameters, the tuition fee and textbook other costs for one KVHS a virtual course shall be~~

~~borne by the District for students enrolled full-time, from funds that have been allocated to the school. Under ordinary circumstances, students or their parents/guardians shall pay for the approved advance credit courses the student chooses to take. 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 virtual courses in alternative settings.~~

Under ordinary circumstances, students or their parents/guardians shall pay for approved alternate credit courses the student chooses to take. However, the District will pay for the tuition and textbook cost for one (1) KVHS virtual course for full-time students, provided the KVHS course is part of the student's regular school day coursework and the expense is within the budgetary parameters of 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 virtual courses in alternative settings.

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**VIRTUAL/ONLINE COURSES (CONTINUED)**

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

**REFERENCE:**

[KRS 158.622](#)

**RELATED POLICIES:**

08.113  
08.2323  
09.1221  
09.3  
09.435

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