### **Online/Summer School Courses** Alternative Credit Options

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

### **ONLINE COURSES**

High school students may also earn 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:

- 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.
- 6. Unless otherwise approved by the Principal/designee, students taking such courses must be enrolled in the District and take the courses during the regular school day at the school site.

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 an online 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 Core Academic Standards and District graduation requirements. In addition, the express approval of the Principal/designee shall be obtained before a student enrolls in an online course. The school must receive an official record of the final grade before credit toward graduation will be recognized.

Provided online courses are part of the student's regular school day coursework and within budgetary parameters, the tuition fee and other costs for an online course shall be borne by the District for students enrolled full-time, 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.

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# **Alternative Credit Options**

### **REFERENCE:**

KRS 158.622

## **RELATED POLICIES:**

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#### **ONLINE COURSE CREDITS**

Under the following conditions, high school students shall be able to earn toward graduation requirements one (1) credit online:

- 1. The student is in or going into his/her senior year;
- 2. The credit is required for graduation;
- 3. The student has failed the course or has experienced an unavoidable scheduling conflict: and
- 4. The student has the approval of the Principal/designee prior to enrollment.

Online courses may be subject to review by the Superintendent/designee for conformance with Kentucky Core Academic Standards and District graduation requirements.

#### SUMMER SCHOOL CREDITS

Students may earn each summer one (1) unit of summer school credit to be applied toward graduation requirements. Credits must be earned at an accredited summer school and shall be accepted under the following provisions:

- 1. The student has failed the course during the regular school term, and
- 2. The student has the Principal's approval prior to enrollment.

#### **BOARD RECOGNITION**

Only courses offered by agencies and institutions recognized by the Board will be accepted.

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.

#### REFERENCE:

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#### **RELATED POLICIES:**

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