

Alternative Credit Options

In addition to regular classroom-based instruction, student may earn credit through alternative credit options as follows:

DUAL CREDIT COLLEGE COURSES

Eligible students enrolled in the District will be provided the opportunity to participate in a dual-credit program with accredited post-secondary institutions ~~Hopkinsville Community College, Gatton Academy, and other Kentucky public universities~~ approved by the Board. College or university courses numbered in the 100's or above at a Board-approved institution may be taken for dual credit by Juniors and Seniors who meet the ~~following~~ eligibility requirements. The dual credit college application must be signed and approved in advance by the student's Principal/Designee. Students are responsible for all costs associated with dual-credit college courses.

- To be eligible to apply to enroll in Dual Credit Courses (for which the Principal determines in his or her discretion that is a corresponding ACT benchmark), students must meet the minimum corresponding ACT content benchmark of the institution offering the course. Students who do not have ACT scores can take an exam administered by the college to determine placement in classes.
- To be eligible for the Rotary Scholarship college orientation class, students must have an unweighted grade point average of 2.5.
- High school grade point average requirements for participation in dual credit courses will adhere to the post-secondary institution's entry requirements.
- The enrollment of applicants in Gatton and/or Craft Academy will be determined by Gatton and/or Craft Academy.
- Credit may be obtained for required or elective courses.
- ~~AP credit cannot be obtained in this manner.~~
- A notation of dual credit indicating that the class was completed at the respective Board-approved Kentucky public college or university will be added to the transcript as courses are completed.
- Students will receive one (1) high school credit toward graduation for each three (3) hours of college credit completed at the end of each semester. The 1:3 ratio will be used for calculating credits for all dual credit courses. Any college course taken for dual high school credit must be taken during the high school day.

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.

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WORK READY KENTUCKY DUAL CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The District may offer the opportunity for students to earn dual credits through the Work Ready Kentucky Dual Credit Scholarship Program and follow the guidelines outlined on the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) website.

ONLINEELECTRONIC COURSES

With the express written approval of the school's Principal/Designee and guidance counselor, a student currently enrolled in a District high school may earn academic credit to be applied toward graduation requirements through onlineelectronic courses. Only credits earned through courses offered by agencies and institutions approved by the Kentucky Board ~~of Elementary and Secondary~~ Education will be accepted.

Inclusive of all settings, the student may earn no more than ten (10) academic credits for a seven (7) period day schedule for students entering school in 2021, or eleven (11) academic credits for an eight-period (8) schedule for students entering 2022 and beyond, and the course(s) taken must be driven by the student's Individual Learning Plan (ILP). Students with demonstrated extenuating circumstances may request a waiver of this limitation through a letter to the Principal that is then submitted to the Superintendent/Designee for approval prior to enrolling in the additional courses.

ONLINE COURSES

~~High school students may earn units of academic credit to be applied toward graduation requirements by completing electronic courses and/or online courses through agencies approved by the Superintendent/Designee in accordance with the appropriate regulations and policies of the Kentucky Department of Education. Credit from electronic and/or online course(s) may be earned only in the following circumstances.~~

- The course is not offered at the student's high school;
- Although the course is offered at the student's high school, the student will not be able to take it due to an unavoidable scheduling conflict;
- The course will serve as a supplement to extended homebound instruction;
- The student has been expelled from the regular school setting, but educational services are to be continued; or
- The Principal, with agreement from the student's teachers and parent/s/guardians, determines the student requires a differentiated or accelerated learning environment that can best be provided by the online course.

Unless otherwise approved by the Principal/designee, students taking such courses must be enrolled in the District but need not necessarily and must take the courses during the regular school day ~~at the school site~~.

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 and technology 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. The school must receive an official record of the final grade before credit toward graduation will be recognized. ~~All final examinations shall be taken at the site.~~

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ONLINE COURSES (CONTINUED)

The tuition fee and other costs for an online course shall be borne by the Board of Education for students enrolled full-time only if the course is not offered at the high school and is required for graduation. The tuition for all other courses (i.e., electives, enrichment) will not be paid by the Board and must be paid by the student, parent, guardian or third party on behalf of the student.

The Board may pay the fee for expelled students who are permitted to take online courses in alternative settings. If a student has previously failed the core course, the Board will not pay the tuition for the student for the previously failed course.

The final grade for a course shall be in accordance with the otherwise accepted grading standards of the school.

All work being attempted by a senior ~~onlineelectronically~~ must be completed by and received by the same date that all other grades must be reported during the student's senior year and the school must receive an official record of the student's final grade before a diploma is issued.

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.

ONLINEELECTRONIC COURSES FOR CREDIT RECOVERY

Additionally, ~~onlineelectronic~~ courses may be taken to recover credit for a course failed, subject to the approval of the Principal. When a student enrolls in an ~~onlineelectronic~~ course for credit recovery, s/he must complete all ~~course requirements assignments made by school staff~~ to fulfill Kentucky Academic Standards in order to receive credit ~~unless using a prescribed online curriculum provided by the District which includes assessment components. If the course is one in which an End of Course exam is required for state accountability, students must also complete the End of Course exam when given at the school. All traditional exams will be given in a supervised school setting during the school day.~~

A student completing an ~~onlineelectronic~~ course for repeating a class will receive a grade on his/her transcript for the course. ~~according to the credit recovery contract for the District The grade for the electronic course will be determined by calculating the assignments embedded in the online curriculum system with any additional printed assignments provided by the course instructor/teacher of record. Any mid-term or final exam assessments will come from the online curriculum system. The student's failing grade in his/her school course will not be removed from his/her transcript, but will count as a credit attempted and averaged into the student's overall final grade point average (GPA).~~

Under ordinary circumstances, students or their parents/guardians shall pay for approved ~~onlineelectronic~~ course(s) the student chooses to take outside of the school day.

Absent extenuating circumstances reasonably justifying a delay, all work being attempted by a senior ~~onlineelectronically~~ must be completed by April 30 of the student's senior year, or ten (10) instructional days of the end of the District's instructional calendar.

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Students who are alternatively placed (for disciplinary or other reasons) shall receive credit toward graduation for courses completed in the alternative placement setting as determined by the Superintendent/Designee in accordance with applicable law.

REFERENCES:

KRS 158.622

KRS 164.786

RELATED POLICIES:

08.113

08.1132

08.2323

09.1221

09.3

09.4341

09.435