

Online Courses Policy

In addition to regular classroom-based instruction, students may seek approval from the Principal/designee to earn initial credit through online courses when:

1. The student is on track to meet their College and Career Readiness benchmarks by the end of their junior year (11th grade) and wishes to graduate from high school early with the full program of credits required for graduation under the traditional program.
2. The student is behind on credits and needs to accelerate the pace of credit acquisition in order to graduate with his/her peers.
3. The student wishes to take a class that is not offered at the school or is not available to the student due to unavoidable scheduling conflicts.
4. The student has a documented medical condition (504) or disability (IEP) that prevents the student from participating in the classroom-based course.
5. The course will serve as a supplement to extended homebound instruction.
6. Other extenuating circumstances that will be evaluated on an individual basis and may be approved by the Principal/designee.
7. Unless otherwise approved by the Principal/designee, students taking such courses must also be enrolled in the District and take the courses during the regular school day at the school site. The District, in cases of students who are expelled or homebound, may grant exceptions.

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

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.

Students who opt to take online courses shall bear the costs for the tuition fee and other costs (including textbooks) for approved/online courses. When available, rates will be discounted for students receiving free/reduced lunch. When applicable, available school and/or district funds may be used, as determined necessary by the student's IEP team, 504 team, and/or homebound team, for students who are taking online courses as a result of a documented medical condition (504) or disability (IEP) or who are on extended homebound instruction.

The District receives Average Daily Attendance funds from the Kentucky Department of Education for the online portion of the school day. The Kentucky Department of Education waives the physical seat-time requirement as needed for students.

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

The school registrar shall include the official grade of record issued by the online institution on the student's official school transcript for any online courses that have received prior approval by the principal/designee through the implementation of this policy.

EXCEPTION

Unless an exception is made by the District, any student who transfers to the District after the junior year (11th grade) must earn the last (2 units) required for graduation while in residence as a regular enrollee.

REFERENCE:

KRS 158.622

RELATED DISTRICT POLICIES

08.1131

08.113

08.2323

09.1221

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09.435