

ONLINE COURSE CREDIT

The Board of Education recognizes that new technologies are changing the way instructional material can be delivered to students. These technologies may permit the district to more effectively reach all students and provide expanded and enriched curriculum opportunities. Therefore, the Board encourages teachers and administrators to utilize online instructional opportunities for students. The use of distance learning opportunities (e.g., through BOCES), where students attend class in the district with instruction provided remotely by a teacher at another location, may be utilized but is not covered by this policy.

In accordance with Commissioner's regulations, the Board authorizes the use of district-approved online courses which enable students to earn course credit, in accordance with this policy. Such online course instruction may be used to supplement a class offered by the district ("blended course") or it may be the sole mechanism for delivering the subject matter ("online course"). Online courses may be provided either with district instructional staff, through a BOCES contract, or through a shared services contract with another school district.

The Superintendent is directed to develop the following:

1. a mechanism for reviewing and approving online educational programming that can be used to enable students to earn course credit as either part of a blended or online course in accordance with Commissioner's Regulations and policy 4200, Curriculum Management;
2. criteria and procedures for admitting students to online courses; and
3. methods for monitoring the efficacy of online courses.

In developing the procedures above, the Superintendent, with the assistance of appropriate staff, shall consider:

- the equitable access of students to blended and/or online courses;
- the adequacy of instructional support for students utilizing blended and/or online courses;
- the budgetary impact of use of blended and/or online courses; and
- the fit of online education resources to New York State learning standards.

Cross-ref: 4200, Curriculum Management

Ref: 8 NYCRR §100.5(d)(10)

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