

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Code No. 604.10

Policy Title: **ON-LINE COURSES**

The board recognizes that on-line coursework may be a good alternative for students to not only meet graduation requirements but also have the opportunity to take advanced or other courses not offered by the school district.

High school students may earn credits to be applied toward graduation requirements by completing online courses offered through agencies approved by the board and the Iowa Department of Education, such as Iowa Learning Online (ILO) Credit for on-line courses may be earned only in the following circumstances:

- The course is not offered at the high school;
- 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;
- The principal, with agreement from the student's teachers and parents, determines the student requires a differentiated or accelerated learning environment.

Students applying for permission to take an on-line course shall complete prerequisites and secure counselor recommendation to confirm the student possesses the maturity level needed to function effectively in an on-line learning environment. In addition, the express approval of the principal shall be obtained before a student enrolls in an on-line course. The school must receive an official record of the student's final percentage score and suggested grade before credit toward graduation will be recognized.

Provided online course is part of the student's regular school day coursework and within budgetary parameters, the tuition costs for an online course shall be borne by the school district during the fall and spring semesters, but may be passed on to the parent/guardian during the summer semester.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code 256.9(56); 279.8
281 A.C. 15

Cross Reference: 605.6 Internet Appropriate Use
501.6 Student Transfer In

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