

## Procedure Online Learning

### A. Definitions

- Online Courses: An "online course" or "grade level coursework" means a course in which more than half of the content is delivered online and more than half of the instruction is delivered online by a teacher from a different location than that of the student. A certificated teacher has the primary responsibility for the student's instructional interaction and students have access to the teacher synchronously and/or asynchronously.
- Online School Program: "Online school program" is delivered by a school district or cooperative of school districts, and provides an online, comprehensive and sequential set of courses or grade-level coursework and instruction throughout the school year in a manner that could provide a full-time basic education if so desired by the student. The student may enroll as a part-time or full-time student.
- Online Learning Support Team: School district staff will provide assistance to the student in accessing courses, understanding coursework and maintaining successful progress in the course.

### B. Student Access to Online Courses and Online School Programs

The district will facilitate access to the following types of online learning opportunities:

1. Online courses:
  - a. District-created and taught online courses;
  - b. District-taught online courses created by a third-party contracted provider; and
  - c. OSPI-approved online courses created and taught by third-party course providers.
2. Online school programs:
  - a. District-created and -taught online school programs;
  - b. District-sponsored programs created and taught by OSPI-approved online providers;
  - c. District-sponsored programs created by third-party course providers and taught by district teachers; or
  - d. Out-of-district online school programs accessed through an interdistrict transfer.

### C. Types of Online Courses Available

The district will facilitate access to the following types of online courses:

1. Foreign language courses;
2. Courses which may already be offered in the student's school but are inaccessible to the student due to scheduling or other factors;
3. Grade level coursework for K-8; and
4. Courses which may already be offered in the student's school but are inaccessible to the student due to scheduling or other factors.

#### **D. Student Eligibility Criteria**

The district will facilitate access to online learning courses and programs for students enrolled in K-8 grades. Students taking an online course or participating in a district-created online school program must adhere to the following criteria:

1. Have completed any required prerequisites and provide teacher/counselor recommendations to confirm that he/she possesses the academic level needed to function effectively in an online learning environment;
2. Comply with existing district policies for registering/enrolling in a course or district program; and
3. Students interested in attending an online school program in another district must follow the interdistrict transfer procedures in district policy prior to entering that program.

#### **E. Supporting Student Success**

The district will provide the following support to students to help ensure a successful online learning experience:

1. All online students will receive assistance from the local online learning support team;
2. School staff will advise students in selecting and registering for online learning options to which the district facilitates access;
3. The local advisor will meet regularly with online students to ensure they are connecting to the online coursework and the online teacher and are making satisfactory progress in their online coursework;
4. The district may offer a dedicated class period during the school day in which the student may connect to an online course and to their local advisor; and
5. The district may offer access to online computers during the school day or "outside" of the school day.

#### **F. Costs/Fees**

1. Courses offered to students for which the district claims state education funding, or that are included as part of the regular school day, will be paid for by the school district. Students/families may be responsible for fees as specified by the district fee schedule.
2. Courses offered to students for which the district claims no state education funding and that are not included as part of the regular school day will be paid for by the

students/families. Students/families may also be responsible for fees as specified by the district fee schedule.

**G. Information to Students and Parents or Guardians**

The district will use a variety of methods to provide information to parents/guardians and students regarding online learning opportunities.

Information will be provided through the district Web page, counseling office brochures, newsletters, the student handbook and other appropriate district communication resources.

Information provided will include descriptions of online courses or online school programs, enrollment information, potential fees, a description of credit awarded for courses, student eligibility requirements, methods the district will use to support student success.

**H. Criteria for District Use of Non-OSPI Approved Online Courses**

1. The district may offer courses to students from providers not on the OSPI approved list only after ensuring that they meet the criteria for district use of non-approved providers as posted on the OSPI Website.
2. The district will ensure proper documentation when using non-approved online providers.

**I. Student Responsibilities**

1. Adhere to the district's code of conduct for academic integrity;
2. Comply with course/program participation and completion requirements;
3. Maintain high academic involvement;
4. Notify the district if participation in an online course/program ceases or changes;
5. Maintain agreed-upon levels and kinds of communication with the local advisor throughout the term of the online course; and
6. Participate in an online course/program orientation.

**J. Parent or Guardian Responsibilities**

1. Parents or guardians are responsible for costs/fees as outlined in Section F.
2. Parents or guardians are responsible for seeking appropriate technology – per district recommendations – for student participation in coursework outside of the school day or designated online learning period.

**K. District Responsibilities:**

1. Inform parents/guardians prior to student enrollment in any online course or program;
2. Inform staff, parents/guardians and students of the online courses and programs that are available to them;
3. Inform staff, parents/guardians and students of the online course/online school program prerequisites, technology requirements, course outlines, syllabi and possible

fees;

4. Provide online students who remain enrolled in the district and who participate in the online course or program during the school day, with computing hardware and connectivity required for participation in the online course or online school program;
5. Inform staff, parents/guardians and students of how to seek and access technology resources and technological requirements beyond the school day;
6. Provide online students with an online learning support team;
7. Ensure communication between the student's local advisor and parent/guardian;
8. Ensure online courses are appropriately identified with CEDARS coding; and
9. The district will inform students and their parent/guardian of rescheduling options or grade impacts in the event a student withdraws from an online course or online school program prior to completion.

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