

Code No. 604.10 VIRTUAL/ON-LINE COURSES

The board recognizes that on-line coursework, including dual credit classes (contracted, concurrent and PICC), high school classes and credit recovery are alternatives for students to meet graduation requirements. Online coursework allows students the opportunity to take advanced courses or other courses not offered by the school district.

Students may earn a maximum of twenty-four (24) credits to be applied toward graduation requirements by completing on-line courses offered through agencies approved by the board, such as the Iowa On-Line Learning. Credit from an on-line or virtual course may be earned only in the following circumstances:

The course is not offered at the high school during the academic year

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 course will serve as a supplement to extend instruction;

The student has been expelled from the regular school setting, but educational services are to be continued; or

Students applying for permission to take a virtual course shall complete prerequisites and provide teacher/counselor recommendations 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 and school counselor shall be obtained before a student enrolls in an on-line course. The school must receive an official record of the final grade before credit toward graduation will be recognized.

Provided courses are part of the student's regular school day coursework and within budgetary parameters, additional costs beyond the course fee, shall be borne by the parents for students enrolled full-time.

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

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281 I.A.C. 15

Cross Reference: **605.6** Internet Appropriate Use
501.6 Student Transfers In

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