

UNITED SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: ALTERNATIVE
INSTRUCTION
METHODS

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<p>1. Authority SC 502, 1525, 1901, 1903, 1906 Pol. 217</p> <p>2. Guidelines Pol. 102, 107</p> <p>SC 1901, 1903, 1906</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.41</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">124. ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION METHODS</p> <p>The Board may grant credit toward high school graduation for course work successfully completed through approved summer school, correspondence courses, distance learning, Internet, dual enrollment and other forms of alternative course work in accordance with adopted policy.</p> <p>Students shall request in writing to the building principal approval of the proposed course and the number of credits sought.</p> <p>The course subject must be included in the high school’s planned instruction and relate to academic standards. To qualify for approval, the content must be substantially equivalent to that of the district high school course.</p> <p>The number of credits assigned to course work taken through an alternative delivery method shall be predetermined by the building principal and/or guidance counselor as part of the approval process before course work is begun.</p> <p>The student shall receive the same letter grade for high school credit that is assigned by the alternative education resource.</p> <p>The assigned student grade for successfully completed work shall not be weighted for purposes of computing the student’s grade point average, unless prior approval has been granted by the administrator and/or guidance counselor before the course work was begun.</p> <p><u>Summer School</u></p> <p>It is the policy of the Board that the district may conduct a summer program of instruction for resident students.</p> <p>Planned instruction offered in summer school may be designed as credit or noncredit courses.</p>
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Tuition fees shall be established by the Board.

Correspondence Courses

A student enrolled in a correspondence course may receive high school credit for work completed, provided:

1. The course is given by an accredited institution approved by the Superintendent or designee.
2. The student is in good academic standing.
3. The student assumes responsibility for all fees.
4. The building principal approves the course in advance.

Distance Learning/Virtual/Online Courses

A student enrolled in a distance learning course, including a virtual or online course, may receive high school credit for work completed, provided:

1. The course is offered by an institution approved by the Superintendent or designee.
2. The course is not offered at the student's high school.
3. The student assumes responsibility for all fees including tuition and textbooks.
4. The building principal approves the course in advance.

Grades earned in approved distance learning courses count toward a student's grade point average, class rank, and eligibility for athletic and extracurricular activities.

The district may pay the fee for expelled students who are permitted to take virtual or online courses in alternative settings.

Foreign Exchange Programs

District students shall receive high school credit for foreign exchange courses that meet the criteria established in the curriculum and are approved by the building principal.

International study course work not meeting district requirements may be placed in the student's permanent record and recorded as an international study experience.

College Courses

A student who successfully completes college courses may receive high school credit, provided:

1. The student is in good academic standing.
2. The course is approved in advance by the student's guidance counselor and the high school principal.
3. The student assumes responsibility for all fees.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 502, 1525, 1901 et seq.

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.41

Board Policy – 102, 107, 217

