

### **Vallivue School District 139**

A thorough system of public schools has been defined by the Idaho Legislature as one in which students are introduced to current technology. Throughout this school district's educational system, technology will be integral to curriculum, instruction, and assessment. Technology moves communication to a new dimension. This district's educational system must lay the foundation for students to be able to participate comfortably in an increasingly technological society. Classroom activities will include instruction using multimedia, distance learning, and other technologies.

#### **DISTANCE LEARNING SETTINGS**

In distance learning settings, this district will provide for:

1. Adequate student contact with a teacher or paraprofessional during the instructional process.
2. Ready access for answering student questions.
3. Adequate teacher time to provide students with feedback on assignments and questions.

#### **COOPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONAL INITIATIVES**

It is the policy of the Vallivue School District to utilize current technology available for instruction and student use, as appropriate to the student population and subject matter. The Vallivue School District may enter into cooperative instruction with postsecondary institutions, other districts, and other sources, at its discretion. The Vallivue School District will be responsible for the quality of the programs offered and will assure that all state standards are met.

The Vallivue School District will recognize for academic credit the following distance learning/correspondence courses.

1. Correspondence courses from Division of Independent Study of North Dakota, BYU, University of Idaho, or other institutes of learning designated by the Vallivue School District.
2. Online courses offered through the Idaho Digital Learning Academy or from a school accredited through an affiliate of Northwestern Accreditation Association.

Students may earn up to a total of eight (8) credits through correspondence and distance learning courses unless approved by district personnel on a case-by-case basis.

Students utilizing these distance learning opportunities must fall within the following categories:

- Students who need credit recovery in order to be on track to graduate
- Students who are eligible for hospital or homebound programs due to health issues
- Students who want to take courses not offered in the Vallivue School District

- Students who want to accelerate their academic program or add flexibility to their schedule by taking additional courses to facilitate early graduation or be able to include more electives in their schedule
- Students who are excused from being physically present on the campus of their school of record for an extended period of time

Students and their families will be responsible for any fees incurred from these distance learning opportunities pending any exceptions deemed by school and district personnel because of personal reasons or situations. These cases will surface through recommendations by the counseling department for unusual circumstances as deemed by the district.

**District Technology**

A district-wide task force, whose membership will be determined by the superintendent, district technology director, or designee, will evaluate the use of technology in each classroom. At a minimum, the task force will assess the following issues:

1. The quantity and quality of the available equipment;
2. The application of technology for instructional purposes;
3. Staff training needs;
4. The methods by which the students receive instruction and opportunity for application of technological advances; and
5. The utilization of technology to aid in record keeping and communication.

The task force will issue an annual report to the board of trustees setting forth its assessment, and it will provide the board with information regarding the availability and use of technology in every school in the district. The annual report will include recommendations regarding training for personnel and acquisition of new and replacement equipment. The board of trustees will take the task force’s recommendations into consideration to provide the schools with adequate equipment and training as needed to provide the students with an introduction to current technology.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

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