

EARNING CREDIT FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION FOR COURSES TAKEN THROUGH INTERNET-BASED DELIVERY

Purpose:

To establish a framework for the administration, approval, and delivery of courses taken through Internet based delivery, and the granting of credit toward high school graduation for such courses.

Relevant To:

Administrators, staff, and students of North Platte High School.

Responsible Officer:

Superintendent of Schools.

Modification History:

This is a new policy.

Principles:

1. High School learning over the Internet is an immerging educational model that the North Platte Public School system embraces.
2. Internet delivery of high school classes can supplement and support the regular curriculum leading to a diploma from North Platte High School.
3. The technology available at North Platte High School gives students opportunities to pursue online learning experiences for high school credit that will enhance and expand the current course offerings.
4. For the purpose of this policy "virtual high school" is defined as a state approved and/or regionally accredited school that offers high school credit courses through distance learning models that include Internet-based delivery.
5. In an effort to maintain the academic integrity of the North Platte High School curriculum, students must adhere to the following:
 - 5.1. Students must accept the terms of the NPHS acceptable use policy and the NPHS uniform discipline code when granted permission to take an Internet-delivered course for credit toward high school graduation.
 - 5.2. Students will be required to take final course exams under the supervision of a proctor at the high school.

- 5.3. On-line teachers or the administration at North Platte High School can require students to perform other tasks or assessments connected with an Internet-delivered course in a proctored situation.
 - 5.4. To ensure appropriate curriculum counseling, students must obtain permission from the principal at North Platte High School before enrollment in any virtual high school course.
 - 5.5. The student's counselor must review the student's current educational plan and transcript before a student may select and enroll in any virtual high school course.
6. A student who successfully completes courses from an approved and accredited virtual high school site may receive high school credit provided all of the following conditions are met:
 - 6.1. Prior written approval for enrollment is obtained from the high school principal.
 - 6.2. The student completes a tutorial orientation to virtual high school classes prior to class enrollment.
 - 6.3. Student works under the appropriate supervision provided by North Platte High School.
 - 6.4. Any student taking a virtual high school class as part of the student's regular school day must work under appropriate direct supervision for at least 45-50 minutes daily, as would be the case in any scheduled class.
 - 6.5. The grading scale used must fit within the NPHS standards.
 - 6.6. All courses taken meet the same standards as traditional NPHS courses.
 - 6.7. Minimum completion time for virtual high school courses must reflect the current semester timelines with extensions granted by the on-line teacher with final approval of the high school principal.
 - 6.8. Enrollment in a virtual high school class, when part of a student's regular school day, should be limited to course(s) that was/were previously failed, a course not available at the school, a scheduling conflict that prevents the students from taking the course, or a course needed as an elective credit.
 - 6.9. Parents or guardians must receive written notification from North Platte High School when their child is enrolled in a virtual high school course that grants credit toward graduation.

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