EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

It is the policy of the Board to allow extended learning opportunities, which are available to all students as a means to meet the diverse instructional needs of students with different talents, interest, and development. *Students will participate as much as possible in selecting, organizing, and carrying out extended learning activities.*

All such opportunities must be aligned with the educational goals and objectives of the school's instructional program.

The Board's intent is to improve student achievement in situations where regular classrooms are not practical or effective. It is hoped that such offerings will serve as a motivator for students with different learning styles. *"Extended learning" means the primary acquisition of knowledge and skills through instruction or study outside of the traditional classroom methodology, including, but not limited, to: (1) Independent study; (2) Private instruction; (3) Performing groups; (4) Internships; (5) Community service; (6) Apprenticeships; and (7) Online courses.*

- The Board directs the Superintendent to establish regulations and procedures for implementing this policy that will include:
- Application and approval process
- Requirements that the experience will provide an opportunity for students to acquire knowledge and skill development comparable to knowledge and skill development in courses offered at the high school
- Student participation in selecting, organizing, and carrying out extended learning activities
- Reasonable limits on the number of approved extended learning opportunities that can be administered each school year - school-wide and per student
- Assurance of student safety including physical and technological
- Assurance of equal access for all students
- Compliance with state and federal laws pertaining to minors
- Approved learning opportunities are consistent with all policies of this board
- The procedure will be made available to the public

Unless otherwise recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the Board, under ordinary circumstances, students or their parents/guardians shall be responsible for all related expenses including tuition and textbooks.

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Legal References:
Ed 306.04(a)(13), Alternative Means Of Earning Credit Toward A High School Diploma
Ed 306.04(a)(14), Alternative Means Of Demonstrating Achievement Of Competencies
Ed 306.21, Alternative Programs
Ed 306.26(g), Extended Learning Opportunities in Middle School (until July 1, 2017)
Ed 306.261(f), Extended Learning Opportunities in Middle School (after July 1, 2017)
Ed 306.27(c)(16), Extended Learning Opportunities in High School (required by July 1, 2016)
Curriculum:

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.27(b)(4), High School Curriculum, Credits, Graduation Requirements, and Co-Curricular Program

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