

SOUTHERN COLUMBIA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: DISTANCE LEARNING/
VIRTUAL/ONLINE AND DUAL
ENROLLMENT COURSES

ADOPTED: August 18, 2008

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Authority SC 502, 1901, 1903, 1906</p> <p>3. Delegation of Responsibility Pol. 105</p> <p>4. Guidelines</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">118.1. DISTANCE LEARNING/VIRTUAL/ONLINE AND DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES</p> <p>The Board acknowledges that information technology can increase the quantity of educational opportunities for students, and that instances may arise whereby it is advantageous for students to take distance learning, virtual, online and dual enrollment coursework. Therefore, the Board is committed to providing online course opportunities for students within the parameters of this policy.</p> <p>The Board may grant credit toward high school graduation for course work successfully completed through approved distance learning, virtual, online, dual enrollment and other forms of alternative course work in accordance with adopted policy.</p> <p>Students shall supply syllabus and request in writing to the building principal approval of the proposed course and the number of credits sought.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall assume the responsibility for the implementation and facilitation of distance learning, virtual, online and dual enrollment coursework offered by the school district, which shall be acceptably aligned with state and/or national standards and the curriculum of the school district, and for ensuring compliance with this policy, related policies and established guidelines or administrative regulations.</p> <p><u>Distance Learning/Virtual/Online and Dual Enrollment Courses</u></p> <p>A student enrolled in a distance learning course, including a virtual, online or dual enrollment course, may receive high school credit for work completed, provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 or available based on scheduling. 3. The student assumes responsibility for all fees including tuition, textbooks and
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	<p>transportation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. The building principal approves the course in advance.5. A student who wishes to take a distance learning course at home is responsible for providing all hardware, software, network connectivity and Internet access.6. Pass/Fail courses will not be permitted. <p>Students may be limited as to the number of distant learning courses that apply toward high school credit.</p> <p>Grades earned in approved distance learning courses count toward a student's grade point average, class rank, honor roll and eligibility for athletic and extracurricular activities.</p> <p><u>Online Course Enrollment</u></p> <p>Parental notification and signed consent is required for student participation in online courses.</p> <p>The number of online courses in which a student is permitted to enroll shall be determined by the Superintendent or designee.</p> <p>All applicable school district policies and procedures shall govern student participation in online coursework, including student discipline and acceptable use policies.</p> <p>Unless required in a student's IEP or GIEP, participation in online courses is governed by the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The student shall select only from school district-approved online course offerings.2. The student must complete an online course request form that requires consent of the parent/guardian.3. The scheduling of online courses shall be as per the prerequisite recommendations for courses as listed in the applicable program of studies.4. Grading shall be at the discretion of the course vendor when so required, and students should be aware of the course's grading policy and requirements prior to enrolling in the course. The school district shall not intervene or counter
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	<p>grades received for commercially developed courses, unless such is permitted and appropriate, but the school district does reserve the right to review student work and examine method(s) of assessment at any time.</p>
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