

ONLINE COURSES

The Board recognizes the value of offering standards-based and student-centered online courses to expand student's educational opportunities in the 21st century. Online courses can prepare students for the digital age through the discovery of new educational tools and acquisition of essential skills in information and communication technology, such as multimedia presentation, online collaboration and communication. Furthermore, online courses offer flexibility in student access to the curriculum, whether such access is for credit replacement, enrichment, etc.

Online courses will be offered by the Board subject to the following:

1. The Guidance Office will maintain a master list of approved virtual high school programs for doing on-line course work.
2. Students seeking to take on-line courses must complete the Online Course Form and have it signed by the Guidance Counselor, parent and the student. Students must submit the completed Online Course Form for approval prior to beginning any online course.
3. Enrollment in online courses will be limited based on the total number of seats available according to the contracted Virtual School Agreement.
4. Students will be considered based on their current and cumulative grade-point average ("GPA"), recommendations from their teachers, recommendations from their assigned counselor, and the order that their application form is received in the Counseling office.
5. Students may take a maximum of 10 credits through online courses per year.
6. All grades for online courses will be recorded on a student's transcript and calculated in the student's GPA unless the student requests that the course(s) be taken pass/fail. If the course is taken pass/fail the grades will not be calculated in the student's GPA.
7. All online courses must conform to standards and requirements of Board policy and applicable policies of the New Jersey Department of Education.

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Legal References:

<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:4-25	Prescribing minimum courses of study for public schools; approval of courses of study
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:29A-1 <u>et seq.</u>	Teacher recognition
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:33-1	District to furnish suitable facilities; adoption of courses of study
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:35-1 <u>et seq.</u>	Curriculum and courses
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:8-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Standards and Assessment
<u>See particularly:</u>	
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:8-3.1, -5.1	
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:14-4.1	General requirements
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:15-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Bilingual education
<u>See particularly:</u>	
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:15-1.3, -1.4, -1.5	
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:30-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-2.1	Definitions

Possible Cross References:

5113	Attendance
5131	Code of Student Conduct
6140	Curriculum Adoption
6141	Curriculum design/development
6141.1	Experimental/innovative programs
6142	Subject fields
6142.2	English as a second language; bilingual/bicultural
6143	Curriculum guides
6146.3	Class Rank