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## I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to recognize and govern online ~~on-line~~ learning options of students enrolled in St. Louis Park Public Schools ~~the school district~~ for purposes of compulsory attendance.

## II. General Statement of Policy

A. St. Louis Park Public Schools ~~The school district~~ shall not restrict or prevent ~~prohibit~~ an enrolled student from applying to enroll in online ~~on-line~~ learning~~.~~ or from taking supplemental online courses.

B. St. Louis Park Public Schools ~~The school district~~ shall grant academic credit for completing the requirements of an online ~~on-line~~ learning course or program.

C. St. Louis Park Public Schools ~~The school district~~ shall allow an online ~~on-line~~ learning student to have the same access to the computer hardware and education software available in the school district as all other students in the school district.

D. St. Louis Park Public Schools ~~The school district~~ shall continue to provide non-academic services to online ~~on-line~~ learning students.

E. Online ~~On-line~~ learning students may participate in the extracurricular activities of St. Louis Park Public Schools ~~the school district~~ on the same basis as other enrolled students.

F. A student with a disability may enroll in an online ~~on-line~~ learning course or program if the student's IEP team determines that on-line learning is appropriate education for the student.

G. To the extent St. Louis Park Public Schools ~~the school district~~ provides curriculum to resident students that have ~~has~~ both physical and electronic components, St. Louis Park Public Schools ~~the school district~~ must make the electronic component accessible to a resident student in a home school at the request of the student or the student's parent or guardian, provided that St. Louis Park Public Schools ~~the school district~~ does not incur more than an incidental cost as a result of providing access electronically.

## III. Definitions

A. "Online ~~On-line~~ learning" is an interactive course or program that delivers instruction from a teacher to a student by computer, is combined with other traditional delivery methods that include frequent student assessment and may include actual teacher contact time, and meets or exceeds state academic standards.

B. "Online ~~On-line~~ learning student" is a student enrolled in St. Louis Park Public Schools ~~the school district~~ for purposes of compulsory attendance and enrolled in an on-line learning course or program delivered by an authorized provider.

C. "Online ~~On-line~~ learning provider" is another school district, an intermediate school district, or an organization of two or more school districts operating under a joint powers agreement, or a charter school located in Minnesota that provides online ~~on-line~~ learning to students.

## IV. Procedures

A. Dissemination and Receipt of Information

1. St. Louis Park Public Schools ~~the school district~~ shall make available information about online ~~on-line~~ learning to all interested people. St. Louis Park Public Schools ~~The school district~~ may utilize the list of approved online ~~on-line~~ learning providers and on-line learning courses and programs developed, published, and maintained by the Minnesota Department of Education.

2. St. Louis Park Public Schools ~~The school district~~ will receive and maintain information provided to it by online ~~on-line~~ learning providers.

B. Students

1. A student may apply to an online ~~on-line~~ learning provider to enroll in online ~~on-line~~ learning. The student must have the written consent of a parent or guardian to do so if the student is under eighteen (18) years of age.

2. An online ~~on-line~~ learning student must apply to take online learning courses within 15 school days prior to or after St. Louis Park Public Schools' current term has begun ~~notify the school district at least thirty (30) days~~ before taking an online ~~on-line~~ learning course or program if St. Louis Park Public Schools ~~the school district~~ is not providing the online ~~on-line~~ learning.

3. An online ~~on-line~~ learning provider will notify St. Louis Park Public Schools ~~the school district~~ and the student within ten (10) days of acceptance of the student's online ~~on-line~~ learning course or program and hours of instruction.

4. An online ~~on-line~~ learning student may enroll during a single school year in a maximum of ~~twelve (12)~~ four (4) session ~~semester~~-long courses or their equivalent delivered by an online ~~on-line~~ learning provider or St. Louis Park Public Schools ~~the school district~~.

5. An online ~~on-line~~ learning student may complete course work at a grade level that is different from the student's current grade level.

6. An online ~~on-line~~ learning student may enroll in additional courses with the online ~~on-line~~ learning provider under a separate agreement that includes terms for payment of any tuition or course fees.

C. Classroom Membership and Teacher Contact Time

1. St. Louis Park Public Schools ~~The school district~~ may reduce an online ~~on-line~~ learning student's regular classroom instructional membership in proportion to the student's membership in online ~~on-line~~ learning courses.

2. St. Louis Park Public Schools ~~The school district~~ may reduce the teacher contact time of an online ~~on-line~~ learning student in proportion to the number of online ~~on-line~~ learning courses the student takes from an online ~~on-line~~ learning provider other than St. Louis Park Public Schools ~~the school district~~.

3. A teacher with a Minnesota license must assemble and deliver instruction to enrolled students receiving online learning from an enrolling district. The delivery of instruction occurs when the student interacts with the computer or the teacher and receives ongoing assistance and assessment of learning. The instruction may include curriculum developed by persons other than a teacher with a Minnesota license.

D. Academic Credit; Graduation Standards or Requirements

1. St. Louis Park Public Schools ~~the school district~~ shall apply the same graduation requirements to all students, including online ~~on-line~~ learning students.

2. St. Louis Park Public Schools ~~the school district~~ shall use the same criteria for accepting online ~~on-line~~ learning credits or courses as it does for accepting credits or courses for nonresident transfer students under Minnesota law.

3. St. Louis Park Public Schools ~~the school district~~ may challenge the validity of a course offered by an online ~~on-line~~ learning provider. Such a challenge will be filed with the Minnesota Department of Education.

4. St. Louis Park Public Schools ~~the school district~~ shall count secondary credits granted to an online ~~on-line~~ learning student toward its graduation and credit requirements.

5. If a student completes an online ~~on-line~~ learning course or program that meets or exceeds a graduation standard or grade progression requirement at St. Louis Park Public Schools ~~the school district~~, that standard or requirement will be met.

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***Legal References:***
Minn. Stat. § 123B.42, Subd. 1 (Curriculum; Electronic Components)
Minn. Stat. § 124D.03 (Enrollment Options Program)
Minn. Stat. § 124D.09 (Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Act)
Minn. Stat. § 124D.095 (On-Line Learning Option Act)

***Cross References:***
ISD #283 ~~MSBA/MASA Model~~ Policy 509 (Enrollment of Nonresident Students)
ISD #283 ~~MSBA/MASA Model~~ Policy 605 (Alternative Programs)
ISD #283 ~~MSBA/MASA Model~~ Policy 608 (Instructional Services – Special Education)
ISD #283 ~~MSBA/MASA Model~~ Policy 613 (Graduation Requirements)
ISD #283 ~~MSBA/MASA Model~~ Policy 620 (Credit for Learning)