

**DISTANCE LEARNING/DUAL CREDIT/ALTERNATIVE CREDIT OPTIONS**

*Note: The following optional policy is for use by districts that authorize virtual/online courses as an alternative credit option.*

Students may earn academic credit to be applied toward graduation requirements by a number of means including completing courses; offered through agencies approved by the District, approved distance learning options, or offered in conjunction with an institution of higher learning such as the University of Alaska. Credit from these courses may be earned only through a partnership with University of Alaska OR in the following circumstances:

1. The course is not currently offered at the school;
2. Although the course is offered at the school, the student will not be able to take it due to a scheduling conflict;
3. The course will serve as a student interest-based supplement to regular instruction;
4. The course will serve as a supplement to extended homebound instruction;
5. The student has been expelled from the regular school setting, but educational services are to be continued; or
6. The student's parents/guardians with consultation with teachers, school counselor, and the site administrator, determines the student requires a differentiated or accelerated learning environment.

Students taking such courses must be enrolled in the District unless the student is earning dual credit via a partnership with the University of Alaska.

Students enrolled in the district that are applying for permission to take an alternative credit course shall complete prerequisites and provide teacher/counselor recommendations to confirm the student possesses the maturity level needed to function effectively in an alternative learning environment. In addition, the express approval of the Principal/designee shall be obtained before a student enrolls in an alternative course. The school must receive an official record of the final grade before credit toward graduation will be recognized. Students enrolled in University of Alaska shall have course equivalencies identified by University of Alaska in conjunction with the district registrar or designee.

Students taking distance learning or dual credit courses shall comply with all school rules, including student rights and responsibilities.

*(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)*

*(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)*

*(cf. 6161.4 - Internet)*