

Instruction through Online Courses

The Board of Education believes online education courses are a viable part of a district's education program and may serve as an effective tool to expand the educational opportunities for students at all levels of achievement. Online courses can enhance, supplement or enrich the existing curriculum and can also provide an alternative means of instruction.

To the extent practicable, an effort will be made to determine that online education courses available to students are consistent with district instructional goals, aligned with the district's academic standards and taught by teachers licensed in Colorado. The administration is directed to periodically review instructional materials of online courses to ensure they meet program standards. Further, such courses must provide the opportunity for substantial, personal and timely interactions between online instructors and students and interactions among students.

The school must receive an official record of the student's final grade in the online course before awarding credit toward graduation. Only online courses approved by the district shall be included on student transcripts.

Expelled students

Online education courses may be offered as a means to provide educational alternatives for expelled students in accordance with state law. The district shall determine the amount of credit(s) the student will receive toward graduation for the online courses and the amount of tuition that will be paid by the district for these courses.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-11-307 (2.5) (*requires review of any full-time online program's alignment to the State Board of Education's quality standards for online programs*)
C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(t) (*board's duty to determine the educational program*)
C.R.S. 22-32-122 (*authorizes the board to contract for educational services*)

CROSS REFS.: IHCDA, Concurrent Enrollment
IKF, Graduation Requirements
JKF*, Educational Alternatives for Expelled Students
JS*, Student Use of the Internet and Electronic Communications