

It is the policy of the Board to allow extended learning opportunities as a means of meeting the diverse instructional needs of students with different talents, interest, and development. The Board's intent is to improve student achievement in situations where regular classrooms are not practical or effective.

All such opportunities must be aligned with the school's educational goals and objectives.

Such opportunities may provide credit or supplement regular academic courses. Credits can be granted for extended learning activities, including, but not limited to, independent study, private instruction, team sports, performing groups, internships, community service and work study. Where credit is not granted, such experiences may be used to fulfill prerequisite requirements for advanced courses. The granting of credit shall be based on a student's demonstration of course competencies, as approved by certified school personnel.

The Board directs the Superintendent to establish regulations and procedures for implementing this policy that will include:

- Application, approval, appeals process.
- Administrative supervision and oversight of individual student's programs by certified school personnel.
- Requirements that each extended learning program be approved prior to its beginning.
- Requirements that the experience will provide an opportunity for students to acquire knowledge and skill development comparable to knowledge and skill development in courses offered.
- Student participation in selecting, organizing, and carrying out extended learning activities.
- Reasonable limits on the number of approved extended learning opportunities that can be administered each school year.
- Assurance of equal access for all students.
- Compliance with state and federal laws pertaining to minors.
- Approved learning opportunities are consistent with all policies of this board.

The Superintendent or his/her designee has final approval for each extended learning opportunity. Under ordinary circumstances, students or their parents/guardians shall be responsible for all related expenses including tuition, transportation, and textbooks.

Legal References: NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.04(a) (13), Policy Development;
NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.26(f), Extended Learning Opportunities-Middle School;
NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.27(b) (4), High School Curriculum, Extended Learning Opportunities

Appendix Reference:

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