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Online Learning

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I. PURPOSE

This policy adopts measures to allow Minneapolis Public Schools to become a provider of online learning, and establishes the limitations on that provision.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. In order to meet the educational goals of the students of Minneapolis Public Schools opportunities to use non-traditional means of instruction should be included. Use of internet based, or online instruction, is an appropriate means of allowing students to receive instruction, achieve credits toward high school completion, make up missed credits, enrich and, when appropriate, to accelerate their academic progress. Minneapolis Public Schools will offer online instruction to secondary students that meet or exceed the requirements of Minnesota law.
- B. Enrollment in Minneapolis Online Learning Limitations. The Superintendent or his or her designee shall determine whether or not a student's application for online instruction shall be approved based on the following criteria:
1. completion of the application process for online instruction, including written permission from the parent of any student under eighteen years of age;
 2. compliance with the terms of a student's Individual Education Program (IEP) or 504 plan., if any;
 3. evidence of completion of any prerequisite course or instruction required by the online course;
 4. that approval of the application shall not result in a student's enrollment in more than 135% of the student's regular full time schedule of courses;
 5. space available in the course based on the published course enrollment limitation; and
 6. receipt of any tuition charged for the course under the rules of this policy or, in the alternative, waiver of tuition due.
- C. Enrollment in non-Minneapolis Public Schools Online learning programs.
1. Students who enroll in online learning courses offered by online providers other than Minneapolis Public Schools must inform the counselor at their school of enrollment within ten days of enrollment.
 2. Students who enroll in online learning courses offered by external sources may have their daily class schedules altered to account for the inclusion of the on-line course in the student's schedule.
 3. Students enrolled in online learning offered by external sources who continue their enrollment in a Minneapolis Public School shall continue to have the right



to participate in extra-curricular activities and athletics at the school of their enrollment.

D. Tuition. Decisions on whether or not tuition is charged will be made on the basis of Minnesota law and regulations adopted by the Superintendent and considering the following principles.

1. For students enrolled in a Minneapolis Public School.

- (a) No tuition shall be charged for on line instruction for any student enrolled in a Minneapolis Public School for supplemental learning, acceleration of acquisition of credits toward graduation or remedial learning.
- (b) Tuition shall be charged for any Minneapolis Public School enrolled student who enrolls in district online courses for the purposes of enrichment of the student's normal progress toward graduation. However, online courses for the purposes of enrichment may be taken over the summer school release period without payment of tuition for any student enrolled in a Minneapolis Public School for the school years that are both before and after the summer period in which the online course is taken.
- (c) The Superintendent may waive on line tuition payments for any student enrolled in Minneapolis Public Schools if the condition of payment of tuition would prohibit enrollment based on the ability of the student and the student's family to pay.

2. For students not otherwise enrolled in a Minneapolis Public School.

- (a) The Superintendent or his or her designee shall apply for online learning funds for any student enrolled in a district other than Minneapolis Public Schools enrolling in Minneapolis Public Schools online courses for whom such funds may be available. If funds are available, no tuition will be required of the student.
- (b) Tuition shall be charged for any student enrolled in a district other than the Minneapolis Public Schools for whom online learning funds are not available.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The Superintendent may promulgate regulations and establish procedures for the implementation of this policy.
- B. The Superintendent shall provide the Board of Education with an annual report on the program.



Legal References

Minn. Stat §124D.095 (Online Learning Option Act)
Minn. Stat §120A.22 (Compulsory Instruction Law)

Cross References

MPS Policy 1040 (Student and Staff Data Protection)
MPS Policy 3240 (Revenue and Tuition for Non-School Day Programs)
MPS Policy 5000 (Equal Educational Opportunity)
MPS Policy 5290 (Tuition for School Day Programs)
MPS Policy 5391 (Graduation Requirements)
MPS Policy 6207 (Rigorous Course Waiver)
MPS Policy 6621 (Awarding Credit by Assessment)

MPS Regulation 6222 A (Definitions – Online Learning)
MPS Regulation 6222 B (Responsibility and Parent Involvement)
MPS Regulation 6222 C (Instruction and Enrollment)