It is the policy of the Salem School Board to allow extended learning opportunities at the high school level, to the extent practicable, as a means to meet the diverse instructional and developmental needs of students with different talents and interests. All such opportunities must be aligned with the educational goals and objectives of the required instructional program of Salem High School.

The Board's intent is to improve student achievement in situations where regular classrooms are impractical or ineffective. It is hoped that such offerings will serve as a motivator for students with different learning needs.

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, performing groups, and internships. Where credit is not granted, such experiences may be used to fulfill prerequisite requirements for advanced courses. Activities are limited to those that meet high school approval guidelines and to which a Salem High School teacher agrees to provide oversight.

The Superintendent shall establish regulations and procedures for implementing this policy that will include but not be limited to:

- An application and approval process
- 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 at the high school

Reasonable limits will be placed on the number of approved extended learning opportunities that can be administered each school year, both school-wide and per student. Students proposing extended learning opportunities will actively participate in selecting, organizing, and carrying out the learning activities.

Approved activities require:

- Assurance of student safety including physical and technological
- Assurance of equal access for all students
- Compliance with state and federal laws pertaining to minors
- Consistency with all policies of the Board
- The procedure to be made available to the public

Unless otherwise recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the Board, under ordinary circumstances, students or their parents/guardians shall be responsible for all related expenses including necessary equipment or materials as well as any transportation.