DISTANCE EDUCATION

Students are encouraged to take advantage of available distance education opportunities as an alternative to traditionally scheduled courses. Distance education means video-based, internet/online based, or other similar media that provides educational courses as a means to fulfill curriculum requirements. Such choices shall be implemented consistently with provisions of alternative credit options. Distance education courses taken for credit, must be approved in advance by the school principal or designee.

Students applying for permission to take an online course must complete required prerequisites and provide the appropriate school counselor recommendations to confirm the student possesses the skill and self-discipline necessary to work successfully within a distance education learning environment.

Courses approved for credit must satisfy state and local standards; be delivered by staff licensed in the state where the course originates; and contain provisions for feedback and monitoring of student progress. Students taking approved online courses must be enrolled at Salem High School and must take the course during the regular school day unless the administration has granted approval for an alternative schedule or remote access based on special circumstances. Online courses may be taken in the summer under the same conditions as during the school year.

Requirements for student confidentiality will be maintained throughout the process. This includes information shared between school district representatives and the virtual school or online teacher; information shared between the school district or online teacher with students and parents; and information shared between school district representatives, the virtual school or online teacher and others.

Credit for the course is not recognized until an official record of the final grade has been submitted to the principal or designee with feedback from the online teacher.

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