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| Category: 6000 - INSTRUCTION | Policy Number: 6357 |
| Policy Title: Virtual Learning or Correspondence Courses | Effective Date: December 15, 2015 |
| <p>Snake River School District is committed to offering educational opportunities that meet students' changing needs and provide flexible learning environments. Virtual learning options or correspondence courses are available to students enrolled in Snake River High School. The virtual learning or correspondence courses must be offered by an institution accredited by the Idaho State Board of Education or other regional accrediting association recognized by the State Board of Education, and registered with the State Board of Education. Two examples of approved educational opportunities are the Idaho Digital Learning Academy (IDLA) and BYU-Independent Study.</p> <p>District teachers, administrators, and counselors will strive to identify those students who will benefit from on-line classes and counsel with them as needed. Students may be denied the privilege of enrollment if their academic and behavioral record does not indicate the academic effort and self-discipline needed to succeed in on-line classes.</p> <p>Enrollment and funding for virtual learning at Snake River High School is a privilege, not a right. The District will charge the student/parent the fee it pays to IDLA. The student/parent must pay the fee at registration for the IDLA course. Upon successful completion of the IDLA course, the IDLA fee will be refunded upon request to the student/parent. In the event the student disenrolls and the district receives a refund from IDLA, the district will pass on the refund to the student/parent. Upon successful completion of a correspondence course, a student may apply to be reimbursed for the same amount paid to IDLA for the high school credit.</p> <p>Reference: Idaho Code 33:506 Idaho Code 33:5202(6) Idaho Code 33:5505</p> <p>Policy 6116, "Repeating High School Course" Policy 6127, "Graduation Requirements" Policy 6305, "Concurrent Enrollment" Procedure 6357p, "Virtual Learning and Correspondence Course Guidelines"</p> <p>ADOPTED: June 16, 2010</p> <p>AMENDED: December 15, 2015</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Snake River School District 52, 103 South 900 West, Blackfoot, Idaho 83221</p> | |

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Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) Students in grades 9 -12 may use virtual learning to take a course, receive a grade to be averaged into the student's GPA, and be granted Snake River High School credit when earned through an approved provider.
- 2) The parent, student, and principal or designee must agree that courses selected are academically and developmentally appropriate for the student and that all prerequisites have been completed before registration is approved.
- 3) Virtual learning or correspondence courses may be selected by students who:
 - a. Need to make up credits in order to graduate on schedule;
 - b. Are eligible for hospital or homebound programs;
 - c. Have scheduling conflicts;
 - d. May want or need a learning environment different from that of a traditional classroom setting;
 - e. Want to accelerate their academic program by taking additional courses to facilitate early graduation;
 - f. Are excused from being physically present on campus for an extended period of time.
 - g. Want to get a better grade in a course that they've already taken.
- 4) Students are required to enroll through the High School Counseling Department and submit all required forms and fees prior to starting the course.
- 5) Students are responsible to pay any one-time enrollment fees.
- 6) Students may enroll in only one virtual learning or correspondence course per trimester at district expense (\$75). Exceptions may be made for homebound students or students with extraordinary circumstances.
- 7) Course fees **will** be allocated to authorized students on a first come, first serve basis. An annual allotment of district funds will be made for virtual course fees and when depleted, students will be responsible for their own course fees if they decide to enroll.
- 8) Students may enroll in virtual courses for college credit. Fees for college credit will be paid by the student. Students may apply for a fee of \$75 reimbursement if the completed course is also used for high school credit.