

**INSTRUCTION**

1 Distance, Online, and Technology Delivered Learning

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3 For purposes of this policy, “distance learning” is defined as: instruction in which students and  
4 teachers are separated by time and/or location with synchronous or asynchronous content,  
5 instruction, and communication between student and teacher (e.g., correspondence courses, online  
6 learning, video conferencing, streaming video).

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8 The District may receive and/or provide distance, online, and technology delivered learning  
9 programs, provided the following requirements are met:

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- 11 1. The distance, online, and technology delivered learning programs and/or courses shall meet  
12 the learner expectations adopted by the district and be aligned with state content and  
13 performance standards;
  - 14 2. The district shall provide a report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction documenting  
15 how it is meeting the needs of students under the accreditation standards who are taking a  
16 majority of courses during each grading period via distance, online, and/or technology-  
17 delivered programs;
  - 18 3. The district will provide qualified instructors and/or facilitators as described in ARM  
19 10.55.907(3)(a)(b)(c);
  - 20 4. The district will ensure that the distance, online, and technology delivered learning  
21 facilitators, receive in-service training on technology delivered instruction as described in  
22 ARM 10.55.907(3)(d); and
  - 23 5. The district will comply with all other standards as described in ARM 10.55.907(4)(5)(a-e).
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25 The District will permit a student to enroll in an approved distance learning course, in order that such  
26 student may include a greater variety of learning experiences within the student’s educational  
27 program.

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29 Credit for distance learning courses may be granted, provided the following requirements are met:

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- 31 1. Prior permission has been granted by the principal;
  - 32 2. The program fits the education plan submitted by the regularly enrolled student;
  - 33 3. The course does not replace a required course offered by the District;
  - 34 4. The course is needed as credit retrieval and cannot fit into the students schedule; and
  - 35 5. Credit is granted for schools and institutions approved by the District after evaluation for a  
36 particular course offering.
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38 The District will not be obligated to pay for a student’s distance learning courses.

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40 The minimum aggregate hours are not required for any pupil demonstrating proficiency pursuant to  
41 20-9-311(4)(d), MCA.

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44 Cross Reference: 2410 and 2410P High School Graduation Requirements  
45 2100 School Calendar and Year

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1  
2 Legal Reference: § 20-9-311(4)(d), MCA Calculation of Average Number Belonging  
3 ARM 10.55.602 Definitions  
4 ARM 10.55.705 Administrative personnel; Assignment of School  
5 Administrators/Principals  
6 ARM 10.55.906 High School Credit  
7 ARM 10.55.907 Distance, Online, and Technology Delivered  
8 Learning  
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10 Policy History:

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