

Distance, Online, and Technology-Delivered Learning

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

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

1. The distance, online, and technology delivered learning programs and/or courses shall meet the learner expectations adopted by the district and be aligned with state content and performance standards;
2. The district shall provide a report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction documenting how it is meeting the needs of students under the accreditation standards who are taking a majority of courses during each grading period via distance, online, and/or technology-delivered programs;
3. The district will provide qualified instructors and/or facilitators as described in ARM 10.55.907(3)(a)(b)(c);
4. The district will ensure that the distance, online, and technology delivered learning facilitators, receive in-service training on technology delivered instruction as described in ARM 10.55.907(3)(d); and
5. The district will comply with all other standards as described in ARM 10.55.907(4)(5)(a-e).

The District will permit a student to enroll in an approved distance learning course, in order that such student may include a greater variety of learning experiences within the student’s educational program.

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

1. Prior permission has been granted by the principal;
2. The program fits the education plan submitted by the regularly enrolled student;
3. The course does not replace a required course offered by the District;
4. The course is needed as credit retrieval and cannot fit into the students schedule; and
5. Credit is granted for schools and institutions approved by the District after evaluation for a particular course offering.

The District will not be obligated to pay for a student’s distance learning courses unless otherwise specified in Policy 2170. Any courses the District does not pay for will not be included in the ANB calculation in accordance with Policy 3121.

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

Cross Reference:	2410 and 2410P	High School Graduation Requirements
	2100	School Calendar and Year
	2170	Montana Digital Academy
	3121	Enrollment and Attendance
Legal Reference:	§ 20-9-311(4)(d), MCA	Calculation of Average Number Belonging
	ARM 10.55.602	Definitions
	ARM 10.55.705	Administrative personnel; Assignment of School
		Administrators/Principals
	ARM 10.55.906	High School Credit
	ARM 10.55.907	Distance, Online, and Technology Delivered
		Learning

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