

## School Board Policy

### Expanded 21f Online Learning Options for Students

1. **Background:** Section 21f of Public Act 60 of 2013 expands access to digital learning options for students in Michigan. This legislation enables public school (middle school and high school) students (with the consent of parent or guardian) to enroll in up to two online courses during an academic term, semester or trimester. The legislation indicates that students may select online course offerings from their local district catalog of online courses or from those available in the Michigan catalog of online course titles (micourses.org). The legislation also requires school districts to use their foundation allowance or per pupil funds calculated in the State School Aid Act to pay for the expenses associated with the online course(s).
2. **Purpose:** This document communicates Board policy related to online learning as defined in Section 21f of Public Act 60 of 2013.
3. **Applicability:** This policy applies to middle school and high school students enrolled at the \_\_\_\_\_ School District who are taking online courses or have requested to take online course(s) as defined by Section 21f of Public Act 60 of 2013.
4. **Policy:** The \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Education recognizes that online learning holds great promise as an instructional approach to expand and customize learning opportunities for students. The Board believes online courses can help foster college and career readiness for 21<sup>st</sup> century learners. Therefore, the district shall provide all eligible students with the opportunity to enroll in online courses.

The \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Education supports expanded online learning options for students as defined in Section 21f of Public Act 60 of 2013. Furthermore, the Board authorizes the superintendent or designee to develop administrative procedures to implement this policy.

5. **Procedures:** The administrative procedures will include, but not be limited to:
  - Communication plan to inform students, parents and staff of expanded online learning options.
  - Student readiness and eligibility criteria, including prerequisites for specific online courses where applicable.
  - Process to accept and/or deny student requests to enroll in online courses.
  - Process to grant academic grades/credit earned through online courses.
  - Process to record and transcript successful online course completions.
  - Identification of student and parent responsibilities related to online course enrollments.
  - Process to establish appropriate timeframe for students to request enrollment in an online courses.
  - Annual review of completion rates to determine efficacy of online learning.
6. **Online Course Provider:** The Board also authorizes the superintendent or designee to investigate the district's interest and capacity to offer online courses to resident and non-resident students as an online course provider.

| Approved by the \_\_\_\_\_ Schools Board of Education

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