

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

When initiated, educational options must adhere to the following criteria.

1. The parent(s) must provide written approval for students under 18 years of age to participate. A copy of the written approval must be retained in the school files. Students 18 years of age or older must submit a written request to participate. This request is kept on file.
2. An instructional plan which contains written measurable objectives must be submitted to, and approved by, the Superintendent.
3. The instructional plan includes an outline specifying major instructional activities and identifying materials, resources, facilities and equipment needed to achieve instructional objectives.
4. Promotion and retention decisions for students, kindergarten through eighth grade, participating in an option as a substitute instructional plan are based on student performance relative to the objectives of the option.
5. The instructional plan includes a written plan for the evaluation of student performance.
6. A maximum of six credits may be applied to those required for graduation for grades nine through 12. No more than four of the six credits are applied unless under District sponsorship to the credits required for graduation in English, health, mathematics, science, physical education and social studies. Any credits earned under the District sponsored online coursework will not be included in these four credits.
7. In tutorial and independent study programs, a certificated/licensed teacher provides both the instruction and evaluation of students. In all other cases, a certificated/licensed teacher provides only the evaluation of student progress.
8. Such courses and programs do not compete with courses offered within the regular program of studies unless such are not available for the student when needed or are not being taken for credit. District-sponsored online coursework is not considered a part of this category of educational options.
9. The written instructional plan includes a time for the evaluation of the educational option. Continuance of the option is determined by the results of evaluation.

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