

Policy Guide



Policy No. 124

Section PROGRAMS

Title ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION

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POLICY NO. 124 ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION		
Section 1	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <p>The Board may grant credit toward high school graduation for course work successfully completed through approved summer school, online courses and dual enrollment, in accordance with this policy.</p>	SC 502, 1525, 1901, 1903, 1906 Pol. 217
Section 2	<p><u>Delegation of Responsibility</u></p> <p>The building principal shall be responsible for reviewing and approving student applications for earning credit toward graduation through approved alternative instruction courses.</p> <p>The building principal shall determine the number of credits assigned to such a course as part of the approval process before the student begins the course.</p>	
Section 3	<p><u>Guidelines</u></p> <p>Students shall submit to the building principal a written request for approval of each proposed course and the number of credits sought.</p> <p>The student shall receive the same letter grade for credit that is assigned by the alternative instruction course.</p> <p><u>Credit Recovery</u></p>	

	<p style="text-align: center;">POLICY NO. 124 ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION</p> <p>A student who has failed to earn credit in an academic course may recover that course credit by enrolling in a “Credit Recovery” program. Credit Recovery allows students to earn credit for the purpose of advancing to the next grade level or for graduation purposes. A student enrolled in a recovery course may receive high school credit for work completed, provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The student assumes responsibility for all fees including tuition and textbooks.2. The building principal approves the course in advance of registration.3. The course is given by an accredited institution approved by the Superintendent or designee. <p>Both the failed course and the recovered course grades will appear on the student’s transcript. However, only the recovered course grade will be calculated into a student’s grade point average.</p> <p><u>Acceleration</u></p> <p>Grades K-5: Course acceleration is a possibility based upon a student’s academic performance and will be determined by the classroom teacher, counselor, building administrator, person in parental relation, and approved by the Superintendent or designee.</p> <p>Grades 6-12: Students may take courses for the purpose of accelerating in mathematics pathway. Only students in grades 9-12 will be given graduation credit for these courses. A student may accelerate in the mathematics course pathway, provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The student assumes responsibility for all fees including tuition and textbooks.2. The building principal approves the course in advance.3. The course is offered by an institution approved by the Superintendent or designee.	
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4. The student demonstrated readiness to move into the new pathway course.

Course acceleration may result in gaps in student learning that could impact student performance in future courses of study. Persons in parental relation, staff, and students should collaborate and make informed decisions related to course acceleration.

Retake

Students that earned a credit in a course, but would like to improve their skills and understanding of content may retake the course at the District. The student will not receive additional credit for the course that was retaken. Both course and grades will appear on the student's transcript. However, only the initial course grade will be calculated into the student's grade point average..

International Exchange Programs

District students shall receive high school credit for international exchange courses that meet the criteria established in the curriculum and are approved by the building principal.

International study course work not meeting district requirements may be placed in the student's permanent record and recorded as an international study experience.

Enrichment

Enrichment is additional learning opportunities outside of the Keystone Oaks Program of Studies. The student will receive graduation credit for an enrichment course and the grade will be included in the calculation of the student's grade point average. The course may be noted on the transcript at the student's request through an application/approval process. A student may pursue enrichment, provided:

1. The student assumes responsibility for all fees including tuition and textbooks.

	<p style="text-align: center;">POLICY NO. 124 ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. The building principal approves the course in advance for it to appear on the notes section of the transcript.3. The course is offered by an institution approved by the Superintendent or designee. <p>Previously Revised: February 16, 1998</p> <p>References:</p> <p>PA School Code – 24 P.S. 502, 1525, 1901, 1903, 1906</p> <p>Board Policy – Pol. 217</p>	
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