

Extended Learning Opportunities

The Inter-Lakes School Board recognizes the value of extended learning opportunities as a means of meeting the diverse learning needs of students with different talents, interests, and levels of ability. Therefore, certified district personnel are encouraged to work with students to provide opportunities/activities that provide credit or supplement regular academic courses and promote the student's academic, physical and social growth. Such opportunities must address the school's primary and secondary exit outcomes.

Contingent upon the prior approval of the Principal or his/her designee, students can earn credit through extended learning opportunities such as independent study; correspondence, internet-based and/or on-line courses offered through an accredited institution; private instruction; internships; community service; work experience learning, and college coursework. The awarding of credit will also be contingent upon the (1) student's demonstration of competencies, as approved by a certified educator; and (2) that the student's acquisition of knowledge and skill development is at least commensurate to knowledge and skill development in courses offered at the high school.

Students may earn up to five credits toward graduation (i.e., of the 26 total credits needed) via extended learning opportunities cited above. No more than two credits may be earned per year through an extended learning opportunity option.

Student Participation:

The student must play an active role in the identification, planning and assessment design of the proposed extended learning opportunity. The student must demonstrate that the proposed activity will meet rigorous standards relative to the acquisition of knowledge and skill development.

Unless otherwise recommended by the Principal and approved by the Superintendent, under ordinary circumstances, students or their parents/guardians shall be responsible for all related expenses.

Supervision of Extended Learning Opportunities:

The Principal will encourage certified staff to work with students as they develop and carry out their proposed extended learning activity. Staff will be asked to voluntarily monitor and assist in the assessment of student progress.

The Principal will establish a procedure to deal with the approval and appeal process as it relates to extended learning opportunities.

Assessment:

The student will work with a designated certified educator to mutually determine assessment criteria, especially regarding those extended learning opportunities for which there is not a comparable course offered at the high school. In those situations where a comparable course is at the high school, the student shall be required to demonstrate mastery of required competencies for the course as approved by certified school personnel.

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