

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

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Board of Trustees Douglas County School District

OUTDOOR RECREATION CREDIT (GRADES 7-12)

Douglas County School District students in grades 7-12 are permitted to earn up to two (2) elective education credits toward promotion or graduation through an approved Outdoor Recreation activity. Completion and approval of the Outdoor Recreation activity contract must occur by March 15th of the preceding school year for fall and spring semester. If there are extenuating circumstances, late applications will be considered. The parent or student who makes the request must provide appropriate documentation and complete the Application and Learning Plan for Outdoor Recreation. Failure to provide documentation, failure to meet the indicated deadlines, or participation in an activity not approved will result in no credit being issued.

Participation in Outdoor Recreation must run concurrent with the entire fall or spring semester. Learning must occur outside of regular school hours and may not count towards the student's academic load. Students may earn one half (.50) credit for approved Outdoor Recreation activities for every 90 hours completed and by providing evidence of learning as outlined in the Application and Learning Plans. District-approved courses will not count toward courses required for graduation or promotion but may be applied to a student's elective credit requirements.

Outdoor Recreation activities include those approved by the Nevada Department of Education. Other Outdoor Recreation activities may be added with approval of the Superintendent or designee.

Application, Contract, Learning Plan, Evidence of Learning & Agreement

The application for Outdoor Recreation activity must be completed and submitted to the principal by March 15th of the preceding school year for both fall and spring semester. The Application and Learning Plan must be complete and provide all required documentation before it will be approved.

Required documentation includes:

1. Outdoor Recreation activities Application must include proof that the student in the Outdoor Recreation program/course will be participating in activities at a middle or high school level which result in an acceptable level of outdoor activity as decided by the Superintendent or designee.
2. A copy of the Student Learning Plan that the student is following along with specific activities with the amount of time to be spent in that program during the

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semester. The Learning Plan and activities should describe specific concepts, principles, and skills, estimated number of hours for activities as well as the supervisor/mentor.

3. Evidence of Learning will be required that include the following:
 - Log entries summarizing participation in the activity (1 entry for every 5 hours)
 - Time/activity logs (verified by mentor/supervisor) in no less than 30-minute increments
 - Photos/videos with captions
 - Final project or presentation (e.g., slideshow, report, demo)
 - Other: _____
4. Students must have a 2.0 grade point average for the semester prior to applying to participate in Outdoor Recreation activities.

Requirements for Credit

In order to receive credit for Outdoor Recreation a total of at least 90 hours must be completed per semester. The 90 hours does not include hours accrued over the summer months.

A monthly attendance report form completed by the supervisor/mentor is due to the principal or his/her designee on the last school day of each month of attendance. The report may be submitted electronically to the principal or his/her designee. The report must include the following information:

- Accounting for attendance of student activities as set forth on the application form
- Accomplishments and progress toward goals, including:
 - Log entries summarizing activity participation
 - Time/activity logs (verified by mentor/supervisor) in no less than 30-minute increments
 - Photos/videos with captions
 - Final project or presentation (e.g., slideshow, report, demo)
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- Signature of the supervisor/mentor named on the Application form. The principal will not accept the report without the signature. A parent's signature will not be accepted in lieu of this signature.

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The final report showing completion of 90 hours of activity per semester must be submitted by 3:00 p.m. on the Friday that precedes the end of each semester. Students not completing appropriate documentation will not receive elective credit. Monthly and final semester reports are to be given directly to the principal or his/her designee.

[See Related Board Policy](#)
[See Related Administrative Regulation Outdoor Recreation Application](#)

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