

## EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### *Purpose*

The Hopkinton School District supports the use of Extended Learning Opportunities as a means of meeting the diverse instructional needs of students with different talents, interests, and development.

Extended Learning Opportunities may include, but are not limited to, independent study, personalized instruction, internships, online courses/distance education, or other opportunities approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee, in conjunction with school board policies.

### *Awarding of Credit*

In general, students will be limited to a total of four courses obtained through the Extended Learning Opportunity process. Extended Learning Opportunities can be utilized for credit acquisition or credit recovery purposes.

### *Extended Learning Opportunity Standards*

For an Extended Learning Opportunity to be approved for credit, the following must be established prior to implementation:

- a. Course Competencies;
- b. Assessment Techniques; and
- c. Evaluation Methods.

The Extended Learning Opportunity must contain rigorous, measurable standards comparable to established course competencies.

### *Procedures*

The Hopkinton School District Superintendent, in conjunction with appropriate personnel, shall develop the procedures to implement this policy. The procedures must include but not limited to:

- an application that requires a statement of interest and references that speaks to the applicant's ability to work independently;
- a process to obtain approval by a department chair, the guidance director, and/or certified staff as appropriate; and
- a timeline for both plan development and ELO implementation.

In addition, the procedures must adhere to the requirements outlined in the related School District Policy IMBC-Alternative Credit Options. The procedure shall be included in the Hopkinton School District Student Handbook.

*Extended Learning Opportunities Costs*

Students and parents/guardians shall be responsible for the costs associated with Extended Learning Opportunities (excluding approved independent studies utilizing School District personnel). In compelling circumstances, the District may pay a portion of the expenses. The Principal and Superintendent must approve any such request.

*Legal References:*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed [306.04\(a\)\(13\)](#), Extended Learning Opportunities*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed [306.26\(f\)](#), Extended Learning Opportunities – Middle School*

This policy meets the qualifications included in IMBA.

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