

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**IMBA****DISTANCE EDUCATION**

The Board encourages students to take full advantage of distance education opportunities as a means of enhancing and supporting their education. Distance education means correspondence, video-based, internet/online-based or other similar media that provides educational courses as a means to fulfill curriculum requirements. Such opportunities will be implemented under the provisions set forth in Policy IHBH, Extended Learning Opportunities and Policy IHBI, Alternative Learning Plans.

If the course is to be taken for credit, then Policy IMBC, Alternative Credit Options, will apply.

Distance education courses must satisfy both state and local standards; be delivered by staff licensed in the state where the course originates; and contain provisions for feedback and monitoring of student progress.

Online courses may be taken in the summer under the same conditions as during the school year.

Approved distance education courses must comply with all federal and state statutes pertaining to student privacy and to public broadcasting of audio and video. Confidentiality of student record information will be maintained throughout the process. This includes information shared between school district representatives and the virtual school or online teacher, information shared between the school district or online teacher with students and parents, and information shared between school district representatives, the virtual school or online teacher and others.

When students are using district technology, the school district will provide safeguards for students participating in online instruction activities, and Policy JICL, School District Internet Access for Students, will apply.

Students earning credit for distance education courses shall participate in all assessments required by the statewide education improvement and assessment program. Credit courses will require students to meet similar academic standards as required by the District.

Credit for the course is not recognized until an official record of the final grade has been submitted to the principal or designee with feedback from the online teacher.

Students who violate any part of the policy or engage in any other activity that school authorities consider inappropriate are subject to disciplinary action consistent with Board policies and the student handbook.

Legal References:

Ed 306.04(a)(12), Distance Education

Ed 306.22, Distance Education

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