

EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

The school district values differentiation of instruction and extended learning opportunities as a means to meet the diverse instruction needs of students with different talents, interests, and rates of development.

An extended learning opportunity is an opportunity for a student to acquire or extend their knowledge or skill level beyond the offerings of the school system (e.g. internships, independent study, performing groups, private instruction, community service, etc.). Any extended learning opportunity that is intended to supplant course or grade level requirements must meet the school district's specific educational objectives for the curricular area and must be pre-approved by the building administrator.

It is the responsibility of the student and his/her parent/guardian to formally demonstrate the measurable learning outcomes of the extended learning opportunity. In addition, they must document how those outcomes are aligned with the education goals and objectives of both the school's and student's instructional program. If the opportunity is approved to supplant course or grade level requirements, student progress towards the pre-approved outcomes must be measured and monitored throughout the student's participation by both the school district and a building administrator approved supervisor.

Students or the parents/guardians shall be responsible for all expenses related to participating in an extended learning opportunity, unless otherwise recommended by the superintendent, and approved by the school board.

Legal References:

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.04(a), *Policy Development*

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.26(f), *Kindergarten – Grade 8 School Curriculum*

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.27(b)(4), *High School Curriculum, Credits, Graduation Requirements, and Cocurricular Program; Extended Learning Opportunities*

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