POLICY 624 – ONLINE LEARNING OPTIONS

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to recognize and govern online learning options of students enrolled in the school district for purposes of compulsory attendance and to address enrollment of students with an online learning provider for supplemental or full-time online learning.

II. General Statement of Policy

A. The school district will not prohibit an enrolled student from applying to enroll in online learning.
B. The school district will grant academic credit for completing the requirements of an online learning course or program.
C. The school will allow an online learning student to have the same access to the computer hardware and education software available in the school district as all other students in the school district.
D. The school district will continue to provide non-academic services to online learning students.
E. Online learning students may participate in the extracurricular activities of the school district on the same basis as other enrolled students.
F. Any online learning provider, providing services to a student enrolled in the school district, must assist any online learning student whose family qualifies for educational tax credit to acquire computer hardware and educational software for online learning purposes.

III. Academic Credit

A. The school district will apply the same graduation requirements to all students, including online learning students.
B. The school district will use the same criteria for accepting online learning credits or courses as it does for accepting credits or courses for nonresident transfer students under Minnesota law.
C. The school district will count secondary credits granted to an online learning student toward its graduation and credit requirements.
D. If a student completes an online learning course or program that meets or exceeds a graduation standard or grade progression requirement at the school district, that standard or requirement will be met.

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Legal References:

Minn. Stat. § 120A.22 (Compulsory Instruction)
Minn. Stat. § 120A.24 (Reporting)
Minn. Stat. § 123.B.42, Subd. 1 (Curriculum; Electronic Components)
Minn. Stat. § 124D.03 (Enrollment Options Program)
Minn. Stat. § 124D.09 (Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Act)
Minn. Stat. § 124D.095 (Online Learning Option Act)