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2370 - EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

The School Board recognizes the need to provide alternative means by which students achieve the goals of the School Corporation.

Educational options are learning experiences or activities that are designed to extend, enhance, supplement, or serve as an alternative to classroom instruction.

An optional plan to meet the recognized educational needs of a student shall be approved by the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall prepare a plan of educational options for use in meeting special needs.

Such options may ~~include, but not be limited to,~~ include but are not limited to, tutorial programs, independent study, correspondence courses, educational travel, mentorship programs, summer school, early college entrance, distance learning, on-line coursework, etc.

~~Credit will be granted to the student upon complete evaluation of the program.~~

Prior approval of the educational option application (Form 2370 F1) by the Superintendent shall be required before a student participates in one (1) of the available educational options. Prior permission of a parent or guardian ~~shall~~ also **shall** be required before a student under age eighteen (18) participates in one of the available educational options.

Participation in an educational option shall be in accordance with an instructional and performance plan which will be developed based on the individual student's needs. The instructional plan will include:

- A. instructional and performance objectives that align with **the** Corporation's curriculum requirements;
- B. a description of the criteria and method for assessing student performance; **and**
- C. an outline of specific instructional activities, materials and learning environments.

Participation must be subject to the oversight of a credentialed teacher who will review the instructional plan which may include providing, supervising, or reviewing instruction or learning experiences, and the evaluation of student performance.

Credit will be granted to the student upon complete evaluation of the program

Credit for approved educational options shall be assigned according to student performance relative to stated objectives of the approved instructional and performance plan and in accordance with Corporation policy and established administrative guidelines.

The credit shall be placed on the student transcript. The amount of credit counting toward graduation shall comply with the Corporation graduation requirements.

The Corporation shall recognize the training and experience a student obtained in the United States Armed Forces in meeting high school graduation requirements. Examples include:

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A. Basic Training - A maximum of four (4) credits may be recognized in the following areas:

1. Physical Education (two [2] credits); and
2. Health and Wellness (two [2] credits).

For basic training, a maximum of one (1) credit may be granted for every three (3) months of service

B. Service Training School - Credit may be granted in accordance with recommendations made by the American Council on Education in the publication Guide to the Evaluation of Education Experience in the Armed Forces.

C. Armed Services Institutes - Credit may be awarded for courses completed in the:

1. United States Armed Forces Institute;
2. Marine Corps Institute; and
3. Coast Guard Institute;

provided that the courses are validated by terminal examinations as recommended by the American Council on Education. Credit may be awarded in recognition of satisfactory achievement on examinations in established high school courses, not including GED tests, offered by the United States Armed Forces Institute and the American Council on Education.

D. Credit may be awarded for courses completed through accredited colleges and universities as recommended by the respective colleges and universities.

The Corporation shall communicate information and procedures related to educational options available in the Corporation to students, parents, and interested stakeholders.

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