

**ONLINE LEARNING**

The Richland School District board of directors believes that a variety of learning options, including online courses and programs, are critical for 21st Century learners. The board recognizes that the online learning environment provides students with unique opportunities to become self-disciplined learners with life-long learning skills. Further, the board believes that online learning provides tremendous opportunities for students to access curriculum and specialized courses in a flexible learning environment that might not otherwise be available.

Therefore, the board supports a range of online learning opportunities that are equally accessible to all students in the school district. The board directs the superintendent to provide information to parents, students and staff regarding online learning options and the guidelines for participation.

The superintendent or designee will develop procedures to implement this policy. The procedures will include, but not be limited to, a description of student access to online learning courses/programs, student eligibility criteria, the types of online courses available to students, methods the district will use to support student success, payment of course fees and other costs, granting of course credit and conditions under which no credit will be awarded.

Legal References: RCW 28A.225	Compulsory School Attendance and Admission
RCW 28A.250	Online Learning
RCW 28A.230.090	High School graduation requirements or equivalencies – Reevaluation of graduation requirements – Review and authorization of proposed changes – Credit for courses taken before attending high school – Postsecondary credit equivalencies.
RCW 28A.320.035	Contracting out – Board’s powers and duties – Goods and services
RCW 28A.150.262	Defining full-time equivalent student – Students receiving instruction through alternative learning experience online programs – Requirements – Rules
RCW 28A.150.220	Basic Education – Minimum instructional requirements – Program accessibility – Rules (Effective September 1, 2011)
WAC 180-51	High School Graduation Requirements
WAC 392-121-182	Alternative learning experience requirements
WAC 392-121-188	Instruction provided under contract
WAC 392-410-310	Equivalency course of study – Credit for correspondence courses, electronically mediated courses, and college courses.
WAC 392-502	Online Learning