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Distance Learning

For purposes of this policy, "distance learning" is defined as instruction in which students and teachers are separated by time and/or location with synchronous or asynchronous content, instruction and communication between student and teacher (e.g., correspondence courses, online learning, videoconferencing, streaming video).

The District may receive and/or provide distance learning programs, provided the following requirements are met:

- The distance learning programs and/or courses shall meet the learner expectations adopted by the district and be aligned with state content and performance standards;
- The district shall provide a report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction documenting how it is meeting the needs of students under the accreditation standards who are taking a majority of courses during each grading period via distance programs;
- The district will provide qualified instructors and/or facilitators as described in ARM 10.55.907(3)(a)(b)(c);
- The district will ensure that the distance learning facilitators receive in-service training on technology delivered instruction as described in ARM 10.55.907(3)(d); and
- The district will comply with all other standards as described in ARM 10.55.907(4)(5)(a-e).

The District will permit a student to enroll in an approved distance learning course, in order that such student may include a greater variety of learning experiences within the student's educational program.

Credit for distance learning courses may be granted, provided the following requirements are met:

- Prior permission has been granted by the principal;
- The program fits the education plan submitted by the regularly enrolled student; and
- Credit is granted for schools and institutions approved by the District after evaluation for a particular course offering.

The District will not be obligated to pay for a student's distance learning courses.

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Legal Reference: ARM 10.55.602 Definitions

ARM 10.55.705 Administrative personnel;

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ARM 10.55.907 Distance, Online, and Technology

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