

Weakley County Board of Education



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Alternative Credit Options

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2 In addition to regular classroom-based instruction, students may earn credit through the
3 following means.¹

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5 **VIRTUAL/ONLINE COURSES**

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7 High school students may earn units of academic credit to be applied toward graduation
8 requirements by completing online courses offered through agencies approved by the Board.
9 Credit from an online or virtual school may be earned only in the following circumstances:

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11 1. The course is not offered at the high school;
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13 2. Although the course is offered at the high school, the student will not be able take it due
14 to an unavoidable scheduling conflict;
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16 3. The course will serve as a supplement to extend homebound instruction;
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18 4. The student has been expelled from a regular school setting, but educational services are
19 to be continued; or
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21 5. The principal, with agreement from the student's teachers and parents/guardians,
22 determines the student requires a differentiated or accelerated learning environment.
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24 6. Students taking such courses must be enrolled in the district and take the courses through
25 the district or school website.
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27 As determined by board policy, students applying for permission to take a virtual course shall
28 complete prerequisites and provide teacher/counselor recommendations to confirm the student
29 possesses the maturity level needed to function effectively in an online learning environment. In
30 addition, the express approval of the principal/designee shall be obtained before a student enrolls
31 in a virtual course, and an agreement from the parent/guardian must be signed and on file at the
32 school. The school must receive an official record of the final grade before credit toward
33 graduation will be recognized.

Legal Reference:

¹ State Board of Education Policy 3.208