

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WAUPACA

SERIES 300 INSTRUCTION

CODE: 343.5

INTERNET - BASED COURSES

The School District of Waupaca recognizes Internet-based courses as an alternate method of earning high school credit.

Internet-based instructional courses provide flexibility not available with traditional classroom methods. Students may benefit from being able to proceed through course work at an individual pace and by having access to information and course materials at convenient times and places. Consistent with sound educational principles, it is the intention of the School District of Waupaca to make full use of the Internet for the delivery of educational materials. Internet-based instructional courses approved by the district are not viewed as a substitute for direct, face-to-face student and teacher interactions, but as a means of expanding course offerings, access to instructional resources, and the ability of the district to bring the world of knowledge to its students.

GUIDELINES

- A. Only students who are enrolled at Waupaca High School shall be allowed to enroll in Internet-based courses for credit. Only students classified as grades 11-12 are eligible and may only take one Internet-based course at a time except in special circumstances as determined by the principal.
- B. Students who wish to enroll in Internet-based courses for high school credit only must have at least a 3.0 G.P.A. Students who wish to enroll in Advanced Placement (AP) internet-based courses must have at least a 3.25 G.P.A.
- C. Students must make application to enroll in Internet-based courses through their school counselor.
- D. The principal shall appoint a staff member to serve as the building level contact person to assist students enrolling in Internet-based courses.
- E. The principal shall evaluate and approve / disapprove all students' requests to enroll in courses delivered by means of Internet-based instruction. Only those pre-approved enrollments shall be eligible for credit granted by the district.
- F. Internet-based courses for which no comparable course is offered at Waupaca High School, and for which high school credit is granted shall be approved.
- G. Internet-based courses of which comparable courses are offered at Waupaca High School or for which high school credit is not given shall be denied except under certain circumstances and at the discretion of the principal.
- H. Students earning credit by means of Internet-based instruction shall participate in all assessments required by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. No student shall be allowed to participate in these assessments at a place other than the school site at which the student is enrolled.

- I. The staff member assigned as the contact person must proctor all exams relevant to the Internet-based course.
- J. Students will receive a maximum of a 4.0 grade point for Advanced Courses, including Advanced Placement Courses. No weighted grades can be earned.
- K. Grades earned through participation in the Internet-based course(s) shall be used in calculating the student's high school grade point average.
- L. Courses offered for credit by means of Internet-based instruction shall be aligned with Wisconsin's Model Academic Standards.
- M. Instructors of Internet-based courses must be: (a) certified in Wisconsin, or (b) if the course originates out of state, must be certified in the state of origin to teach in the content area of the course offered, or (c) must be a faculty member at an accredited institution of higher education, possessing the specific content expertise necessary to teach the course.
- N. The district will pay for fees, books, and necessary equipment for approved Internet-based courses taken at the high school.
- O. The student will pay for fees, books, and necessary equipment for internet-based courses that are not approved by the principal.
- P. Students enrolled in Internet-based courses who fail to receive a passing grade, or who fail to drop the course(s) in a timely manner, prior to the drop date, will be required to reimburse the district for all costs incurred by the district relative to the course(s).
- Q. Students participating in internet-based courses are subject to the districts "Acceptable Use" policy.
- R. Grades earned through internet-based courses will be determined by the
Waupaca High School Grading Policy.

Percentage	Grade	Grade Points
93 - 100	A	4.00
90 - 92.9	A-	3.67
87 - 89.9	B+	3.33
83 - 86.9	B	3.00
80 - 82.9	B-	2.67
77 - 79.9	C+	2.33
73 - 76.9	C	2.00
70 - 72.9	C-	1.67
67 - 69.9	D+	1.33
63 - 66.9	D	1.00
60 - 62.9	D-	0.67
59 and below	F	0.00

ADOPTED: 020805

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REVIEWED:

LEGAL REFERENCE:

CONTRACT REFERENCE:

CROSS REFERENCE:

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