

CREDIT FOR ONLINE COURSES

The Rocky Hill Board of Education (“Board”), in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 10-221a, sanctions the receipt of online course credit to be used toward high school graduation requirements, in accordance with this policy.

Pre-approval of Courses

To receive credit for online courses to be used toward high school graduation requirements, for courses that are not part of the Board’s remote learning model, students must, prior to registering for the course, receive approval from the high school principal or designee. The decision of the principal or designee with regard to online course credit approval is final. Pre-approval for online course credit may be granted if the requirements set forth below are met:

Requirements for Online Coursework

1. The workload required by the online course is equivalent to that of a similar course taught in a traditional classroom setting;
2. The content of the online course is rigorous and aligned with curriculum guidelines approved by the State Board of Education, where appropriate;
3. The course engages students and has interactive components, which may include, but are not limited to, required interactions between students and their teachers, participation in online demonstrations, discussion boards or virtual labs;
4. The program of instruction for such online coursework is planned, ongoing and systematic;
5. The courses are:
 - a. taught by teachers who are certified in Connecticut or another state and have received training on teaching in an online environment, or
 - b. offered by institutions of higher education that are accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education or regionally accredited; and
6. The principal has determined, in the principal’s professional judgment, that, given the student’s academic and disciplinary history, the student is appropriately suited to engage in online coursework.

Additional Requirements

Only students in grades 9-12 are eligible to receive credit toward high school graduation by taking online courses. Students who have been pre-approved shall receive such credit upon completing the online course and obtaining a passing grade.

Any expense incurred for taking an online course identified by the student and/or parent to supplement the District’s curricular offerings shall be the responsibility of the student/parent and shall not be the responsibility of the Board.

Legal References:

Public Act No. 22-80, “An Act Concerning Childhood Mental and Physical Health Services in Schools”
Connecticut General Statutes § 10-4w
Connecticut General Statutes § 10-220
Connecticut General Statutes § 10-221a
Connecticut State Department of Education, Standards for Remote Learning Grades 9-12 (February 2022), available at <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Remote-Learning-Commission/CT-Standards-for-Remote-Learning-Grades-9-121-FINAL.pdf>