Online Learning

ONLINE COMPUTER LAB

Distance learning courses (IDLA, Pro-Tech Academy Allied Health course, etc.) may be taken during the school day in the Online Computer Lab. In general, students are allowed to take online courses:

1. To make up credits in order to graduate on schedule
2. If they are eligible for hospital or homebound programs
3. If they are interested in advanced placement or dual credit courses
4. If they want to supplement their curriculum by taking a course not offered at the school
5. If there are otherwise irresolvable scheduling conflicts

Students should check with the guidance office to see if they are a good candidate for online learning options. Online learning is not appropriate for all students. Inappropriate online registrations usually lead to a failed class, behavioral issues and disruption of the student's academic progression through high school. Following is a summary of who may and may not take online classes:

REQUIRED FOR ONLINE CLASS ENROLLMENT

1. A cumulative high school GPA of at least 3.00
2. A current grade of C in the four core academic areas
3. Completed the 9th grade (exceptions can be made for 8 in 6)
4. Turned in a **complete** application before the deadline*
5. Approval of school counselor and principal

The administration will only approve students who have proven themselves to be mature, self-motivated, well organized and comfortable with required interactive technology. Students should be independent learners, good time managers, and read and write at or above grade level.

*Deadlines are the last school day of the prior semester. For example, applications must be completed by the last student school day in the spring semester for summer or fall classes, and the last student day of the fall semester for spring classes.

DISQUALIFICATIONS FOR ONLINE CLASS ENROLLMENT

1. Already failed an online class,
2. Want to take a class currently offered at the high school
3. Haven't resolved a bill for a previous class
4. To avoid taking a regular class (or one that satisfies the same graduation requirement) at school
5. A history of disruptive behavior that will detract from a quiet, independent learning environment
6. Failed to keep the Online Lab Contract while taking a previous class (attached).

Exceptions to these policies *may* be made for students who need to make-up a previously failed course (credit retrieval) or to resolve a legitimate scheduling conflict and there is no other alternative. The principal and counselor will determine if any exceptions are to be granted.

FEES

Fees for online classes vary. However, IDLA will cost $75.00 per semester credit. Students can withdraw from an IDLA class by the Drop Payment date (approximately 2.5 weeks into the course) without incurring fees. The Whitepine School District will pay online IDLA fees in the following situations:

1. The student is taking a class that is not offered at Deary High School.
2. The student takes the online class to resolve scheduling conflicts.
3. Any other situations as determined by the school administration.

Students must pay the fees for making up failed grades or to work ahead for early graduation. Students who drop an IDLA course after the Drop Payment date will be expected to pay for their course regardless of their initial reason for taking it.

Registration application and fees must be returned to the school BEFORE the student will be registered for the online class. If a student misses the IDLA deadline or if the class fills before registration is completed the student will not be able to take the desired class that term.

The school district reserves the right to charge fees that might be necessary for fiscal reasons. If there is a change in this status, students and parents/guardians will be notified and given options from which to choose. Some courses require fees for materials. In most cases, these will be the responsibility of the student.